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Since the dawn of civilization, Earth's governments have been at odds with their superhuman populations. In the 30th century B.C., during Egypt's First Dynasty, the Clan Akkaba cast a disfigured youth into the desert to die — a mutant child who would come to be known as En Sabah Nur, and later, Apocalypse. In the 15th century, King Ferdinand himself ordered that an entire Inhuman colony in Seville be thrown into the underground realm of Subterranea during the Spanish Inquisition. And even during the 20th and 21st centuries, many world governments, including our own, clandestinely cooperated with the Weapon X incarnation of the Weapon Plus Program, which experimented on mutants in an attempt to transform them into living weapons.

So it's no surprise to me that the United States Congress ratified the Superhuman Registration Act (HR 421). What I do find surprising is that previous incarnations of the legislation, and the first Mutant Registration Act, were narrowly defeated. Looking back at the events of the past decade and the frequency of instances in which senators, congressmen, and other aspiring politicians were either killed, kidnapped, or harassed by unregistered superhumans, it's a wonder why Congress did not pass these laws sooner. Senator Wilbur Wycombe (D-CA) was kidnapped and killed by the lethal experiments conducted by superhuman research scientist Dr. Laurence Railsback (a.k.a. Brew) in Northern California's Freedom Science Study Institute. Senator Leon Warkovsky (R-NC) was implanted with a mind-controlling parasite by the super-villain Power Broker (Curtiss Jackson), who also happened to be the same villain responsible for the death of Senator Eugene Kligger Stivak (D-NY) years earlier. And those are just a few examples. Even Canadian legislators had no problem passing similar legislation, although their version of the Registration Act was eventually held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Only a small minority of congressmen, led by fervent mutant rights activist Senator David Thompson (D-MA), voted against the act. It just so happens to be an election year, and the Stamford disaster, combined with other recent events such as *Xorn's attack on New York, Kang's attack on Washington D.C., and the Hulk's rampage in Las Vegas, were still fresh in* the public's mind and sent them over the edge with superhuman paranoia. With public opinion quickly shifting and many political careers hanging in the balance, the Superhuman Registration Act had liberals such Senator Roger Dutton and staunch conservatives such as Senator Harrington Byrd shaking hands and forming coalitions for the first time in years. Both sides of the aisle were determined to see this bill pass so they wouldn't be perceived as "soft on super heroes."

The United States government's interest in controlling its superhuman population is nothing new. Although allied together at the behest of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the Invaders of World War II worked very closely with the American military once the United States fully entered the European Theatre in 1942. Over ten years ago, when Reed Richards' unauthorized space flight returned to Earth, ushering in a new age of super heroes, the Fantastic Four were quarantined by the U.S. Air Force. Although certain Pentagon officials sought to place the team under the umbrella of the military, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Walter White ensured that the Fantastic Four were not co-opted by the government. Shortly afterward, even my own attempts to found the Avengers met with government interference, as Special Agent Murch of the National Security Council sought to place us under Pentagon control in exchange for A-1 security clearance.

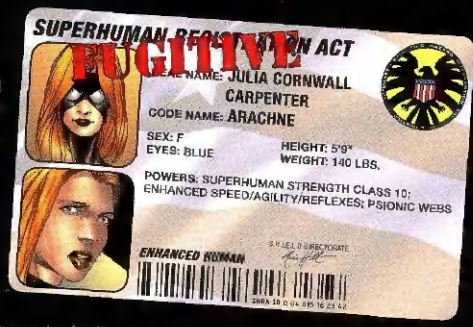
Do I trust our government's ability to license, deputize, and control America's super hero population? Not entirely. But in today's political climate, it's an inevitable reality — and I've seen too many parallel worlds where a schism between the human and superhuman populations resulted in humanity's eventual downfall. If the super hero community resists registration and another Stamford-like incident occurs, then I have no doubt that we'd all be placed in federal custody. That's why I offered my services to you as the head of your Super Hero Task Force, Mr. President. If I weren't in charge of this operation, then someone else would be, most likely someone less sympathetic to the everyday challenges of super heroics such as Maria Hill or Henry Gyrich. With me spearheading the government's new initiatives, at least I can ensure that enforcement of this federal legislation is carried out both fairly and firmly.

The following dossiers are part of your daily intelligence briefing, detailing the powers and personalities of several key figures as I see them.

Tony Stark

-Tony Stark
Acting Chairman, Presidential Super Hero Task Force

ARACHNE



After her former college classmate Val Cooper convinced her to join one of the Commission on Superhuman Affairs' projects, Julia Carpenter was mutated by a formula of rare plants and venoms from the Amazon rain forest, granting her superhuman power as Spider-Woman. Between C.S.A. assignments, Julia also worked as a solo hero in Denver, Colorado, where she became one of several residents whose suburb was drawn into space to join other environments as the battleground for the Beyonder's "Secret Wars," during which he also abducted several more prominent heroes (with Jim Rhodes as Iron Man at the time) and villains. Although apparently not an intentional addition to the Beyonder's cosmic diversion, she acquitted herself well in battle and earned my colleagues' respect, with Spider-Man even patterning a new costume (and, inadvertently, a new enemy) after her.

Julia received much less respect upon returning to Earth, where she lost custody of her daughter Rachel and was drafted into another C.S.A. operation, Freedom Force, as one of the few non-felons on the team. After a few forced fights with the X-Men, she and her teammates helped the C.S.A. imprison several Avengers (from both coasts) in the newly developed Vault on trumped-up treason charges from the temporarily deranged Quicksilver. Julia, increasingly distrustful of the Commission's agenda and far more inclined to trust her comrades from Battleworld, freed us and, in a too-typical example of the government's past abuses of superhuman operatives, became a fugitive herself. After assisting me against the Seekers and Spider-Man against the Wrecking Crew, she became a reluctant solo Commission operative for a time, then a far more enthusiastic West Coast Avenger, fighting the Pacific Overlords, fellow former C.S.A. operatives in Deathweb, and others. When the Manipulator killed her ex-husband Larry and threatened her parents and daughter, Julia defeated both him and his supporters in Deathweb, rescuing her family.

After the WCA folded, Julia was one of several alumni who followed me to my new "pro-active" team endeavor, the short-lived Force Works, which took us to Slorenia, China, Australia, and elsewhere. When Force Works also went under thanks to...circumstances too complex to go into here, she nevertheless remained in the business, even helping rescue Jessica Drew, the former and current possessor of the Spider-Woman name, from the mysterious Void-Eater. She briefly lost her powers in battle with yet another Spider-Woman, Spider-Man's enemy Charlotte Witter, but has since seemingly regained them.

Shortly after the current Superhuman Registration Act was passed, I persuaded Julia, now back on the West Coast as "Arachne," to join my team, but she erroneously thought we were going to help people AVOID registration, not force them into it. After this initial misunderstanding was cleared-up, we assigned Julia (alongside Ms. Marvel and Wonder Man) to an elite squad of S.H.I.E.L.D. "training officers" under my direct supervision. Their mission was to train other registered super heroes to perform government-authorized security activities, in addition to the standard apprehension of unregistered combatants.

With what proved to be the kind of irony I can do very well without, she was soon sent after Max Coleridge, a.k.a. the Shroud. Orphaned by criminals as a boy, the Shroud underwent extensive training by the Cult of Kali to become a crimefighter and, after receiving a mystical sense of perception, started out at age seventeen, intent on defeating Doctor Doom himself, at that time caught in political intrigue with Atlantis and other parties (I think Namor's response to Coleridge's self-declared mission was something like "Ah, I see. You're a madman."). However, events conspired to place Shroud as Doom's ally against the Red Skull. Later, after acquiring the ability to summon Darkforce energy, Shroud embarked on a more long-term project, establishing himself as an underworld leader to bring down organized crime from within. To this end he led a collection of misfit superhumans called the Night Shift, most of whom abandoned him after learning his true intentions.

The Shroud was an occasional ally of the WCA, even receiving an invitation to join once, and has received tentative recommendation from Cap and Spider-Man, but the law is the law; and besides, his years of infiltrating organized crime give him a particularly suspicious air. Unfortunately, he's also Julia's new boyfriend, so she was particularly motivated to help him escape Ms. Marvel and Wonder Man.

I see now that trying to recruit Julia was a mistake. While our intelligence didn't discover her relationship with the Shroud until recently, her grudge against the Commission was well-established and should have been expected to color her outlook. At present she remains on the run with the Shroud, possibly intending to rendezvous with her family in Colorado and pick up Rachel. I'm not looking forward to seeing how far she takes her own mistake.

ATLANTIS

(In addition to conventional government intelligence on Atlantis, this debriefing includes information derived from personal dialogue with Namor and a selection of his contemporaries and associates.)

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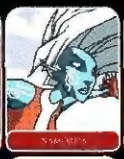

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Although the Homo Mermani race that eventually settled the undersea kingdom of Atlantis can trace their history back ten millennia, its first major appearance on the stage of world affairs seems to have been in 1939 in the person of Namor the Sub-Mariner, certainly its most famous inhabitant. Sent as a scout by his grandfather Emperor Thakorr, Namor, then only 18, was unimpressed by New York's residents and embarked on a series of destructive sprees motivated by ire or amusement. With Atlantis's armies answering to his whims, he wrought international chaos until Nazi Germany's attack on his kingdom drew him to more serious considerations. Initially allying with the Seal People and other undersea races with dreams of conquering Allies and Axis alike, he was briefly deposed when his uncle Daka and the Seal People's Lonu-Ne sought direct ties with Germany. Shortly after U.S. entry into the war, Atlantis was again divided as Namor, won over by Captain America and the android Torch, sided with the Allies while his mother Fen sided with the Axis. Although most Atlantean aid was extended only to the Allies as the war continued, at times Namor's savagery in battle would've given pause to even the hardest human heart. Atlantis was a peaceful participant in the post-war Potsdam Conference, and Atlantis has enjoyed United Nations observer status, although not full membership, ever since.

No serious skirmishes between Atlantis and the surface world were reported for nearly a decade following the war's end, but when Namor resurfaced (so to speak) in 1953 after a four-year withdrawal from surface affairs, his kingdom was a far less reliable ally: severely unbalanced after years away from the surface, he was willing to fight communist insurgents on America's behalf but just as willing to consider selling out the entire Earth to extraterrestrials on a whim. In 1954, what amounted to a civil war between Namor and his cousin Byrrah, a communist collaborator, inundated the northern United States and southern Canada with mobile glaciers directed from both oceans, displacing thousands and almost causing a literal new Ice Age. The technology to do so, which eludes our understanding even to this day, may have been lost when Atlantis itself was devastated by the Serpent Crown four years later — even the Atlantean warlord Attuma has never tried it (but, as I know better than most, anything that can be invented can be reinvented).

From 1959 to 1963, a handful of incursions from undersea powers occurred, few of them significant and none directly traceable to the Atlanteans (there are stats floating around that Atlantis attacks the surface world 2.6 times per decade, but I have no idea where that figure comes from). By then Namor was wandering New York as an amnesiac derelict. Mako, a shark-like female opponent of the heroic First Line, seemed to have Atlantean ties, but thus far investigations indicate no noticeable Atlantean role in world politics for several years, and despite its erratic prominence in earlier decades, its existence almost vanished from public memory.

All of this changed shortly after the formation of the Fantastic Four, when the Human Torch (Johnny Storm) met that same amnesiac derelict, whom he recognized as Namor and brought to ocean waters, where Namor's memories began their gradual return. Mistaken assumptions about Atlantis' fate, plus lingering amnesia aggravated by long-untreated blood imbalance, drove Namor to declare one-man war on the surface world, and when he was reunited with his people months later, he led Atlantean forces against the world's major capitals, although he retained enough sanity to order fatalities kept to a minimum. When Namor's conduct toward the enemy was deemed unsuitable by his armies, they abandoned him, and he entered brief alliances with the Hulk and Magneto before regaining control. Scarcely had he done so when he was overthrown by the barbarian warlord Attuma, whom Namor ousted with the surreptitious assistance of the Fantastic Four, who rightly recognized the incident's potential impact on surface affairs (although Attuma persisted a consistent challenge to Namor's reign, most struggles between them were, strictly speaking, internal Atlantean affairs, so I will discuss only the more significant ones below). Namor's later effort to establish peaceful dialogue with the U.S. was undermined by an attempted coup from the Atlantean warlord Krang. Meanwhile, Attuma embarked on a series of surface incursions bringing him into conflict with first Giant-Man (Hank Pym, currently Yellowjacket) and the Wasp (Janet Van Dyne), then myself as Iron Man, and finally the Avengers of that period, meeting defeat on each occasion. During this same timeframe I was also drawn into battle with Namor due to Stark Industries' inadvertent interference in his continued struggle against Krang.

Later, Attuma formed a conspiracy with rival Atlantean prince Byrrah and Krang to depose Namor and share joint rule, possibly as a Council of Three (an Atlantean governmental body lacking clear U.S. analogue, this is apparently an alliance of [customarily] administrative, military, and religious figures with power roughly equal to the emperor so as to rule in

his absence). This coup failed, and a minor incident between Namor and myself regarding illegal ocean pollution ended amicably (by Namor's standards, anyway), but Atlantis again threatened the eastern seaboard when he was manipulated into an alliance with Magneto, but the Fantastic Four enabled Namor to disassociate himself and withdraw his troops. Atlantean troop movement recurred weeks later, although merely as a show of force to call attention to mass sickness in Atlantis from inadvertent gas poisoning.

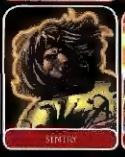
While Atlantis played no recorded role in the Kree-Skrull War's impingement on Earth, it was shortly after that invasion that I established an informal consultation group with Namor, Black Bolt of the Inhumans, and other expert figures on various security matters. Weeks later, the manipulations of Moondragon (having arrived to warn Earth of the threat of Thanos) briefly brought me to blows with Namor once more. Subsequently, Attuma attempted to destroy Atlantis with an army of mutated sea creatures but was turned away by the Defenders, a super-team Namor had recently joined. Another ally, the alien Tumara Rahn, was held illegally by the U.N., prompting Namor to lead yet another invasion force to liberate her. Following this incident, Atlantis remained in relative isolation for some time, and Namor assisted me against illegal corporate activity by Roxxon Oil, although the Kiber Island incident, a brief misunderstanding between Atlantis and Wakanda, raised some international concerns before it was averted by the Defenders.

A few years ago, following Namor's most recent bid for Atlantean U.N. membership, he was forced into abdication by the then-current Council of Three: Vashti, Thakos, and Shakkoth. However, Shakkoth then used his religious influence to ignite a civil war in Atlantis; Vashti and Thakos, joined by Namor's cousin Dara, allied with Attuma's forces to overwhelm Shakkoth's rebels, but Attuma then claimed the kingdom for his own. Not realizing Namor, now an Avenger, had no interest in reclaiming his throne, Attuma abducted Namor's alien wife Marrina, necessitating a response by the Avengers and Marrina's friends in the Canadian Alpha Flight. Following Marrina's liberation, Namor established the short-lived kingdom of Deluvia, where he seemed content to remain, but Atlantis's next incursion was among the most serious of the past half-century, the appropriately if unimaginatively dubbed "Atlantis Attacks," wherein Attuma allied with the Deviants and the Lemurians in a multi-front attack of the U.S. For our purposes, the full origins and consequences of those attacks are secondary to the implications of multiple non-human/meta-tech societies banding together against more conventional nations; the fact that the alliance of this particular incident quickly fractured is beside the point.

After being betrayed by his allies, Attuma surrendered to trial by the U.N., but many months later Morgan le Fay raised Atlantis to the ocean's surface, where Namor was forced to repel Portugese efforts to annex his kingdom before it was sunken again during Portugal's later hostilities with Attilan. Eventually Attuma regained control of Atlantis, in which capacity he briefly allied with Kang the Conqueror in his latest siege on modern-day Earth. More recently, Attuma was driven out of Atlantis by the Defenders, and Namor, after establishing Attuma's daughter Andromeda and his cousins Namorita and Seth as the latest Council of Three, next allied himself with the modern Invaders to claim the Middle Eastern nation Mazikhandar as an Atlantean protectorate. However, on his home front, Shakkoth resurfaced as one of the leaders of the fanatical At'La'Tique religious movement, which allied with Hydra and sent their task force, Fathom Five, to wreak havoc in New York until driven out by the Thunderbolts; Namor addressed the U.N. on this matter, disassociating his kingdom with these rebels, and although I believe this to be true, international reaction was not encouraging, nor was Namor's predictable ire at such doubt. Unfortunately, subsequent decisions regarding the treatment of Namor's longtime friend the Hulk alienated him further from surface allies, and he expressed only contempt for the pre-Stamford concept of super hero registration, boasting Atlantis would conquer surface society after we tore ourselves apart. I emphasize that I have no doubt this was mere swaggering on Namor's part, but the death of his cousin Namorita in the Stamford disaster has returned his attention to us in the worst conceivable manner.

I guarantee Namor has no interest in the repercussions and adaptations demanded by Stamford; he wants justice and/or vengeance for his cousin's death, and I do not blame him. He will stop at nothing to lay his hands on Nitro, but it is my fear he may not stop with Nitro himself. I have already seen reports of Atlantean sleeper agents, hidden in American society for years, revealing their true nature across the country; Attuma was seemingly slain by the Sentry weeks ago, and At'La'Tique is reportedly decimated by radiation sickness, so Atlantis has no direct threats to distract it. It's 1939 all over again, but we're not dealing with a kid who wants New York for his amusement park any more, folks, we're dealing with Namor the First, the Avenging Son, Prince of Atlantis, Emperor of the Deep, Lord of the Seven Seas, Supreme Commander of the Undersea Legions, a hardened veteran of wars, including the most devastating one of the 20th century. Our nation's super heroes may be divided against each other at the very moment their country most needs them united.

THE AVENGERS



As can be expected, a team consisting of "Earth's Mightiest Heroes" has had its fair share of interaction with world governments over the years, both positive and negative. In fact, our relationship with the United States government began before the team was officially founded. While I was still drafting the charter and by-laws needed to guide the team's development, I was actively negotiating with Special Agent James Murch of the National Security Council in an attempt to gain the A-1 security clearance ("Avengers Priority") status we would need to facilitate our operations as a peacekeeping force under the authority of the United States and United Nations. Ironically, I included a specific provision in the team's charter at the time which provided that we would not be forced to reveal our secret identities to the federal government (although recent world events have caused me to reevaluate the prudence of such a provision). Although the general populace regarded us with suspicion at first, we soon gained their respect and admiration through our exploits (and also due in part to the presence of Captain America, who we revived and recruited shortly after the team's official founding). It was also primarily due to Captain America's presence that we eventually received our A-1 security clearance without having to jump through Agent Murch's hoops.

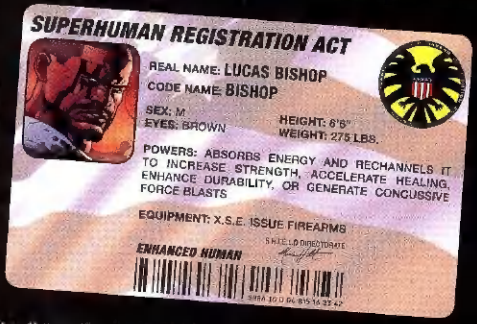
Just as the Avengers' roster has shifted over the years, so has the team's relationship with the government. Clearly, Washington couldn't have been happy when I took a leave of absence and left Captain America in charge, who then took it upon himself to grant membership to the criminal archer Hawkeye and the mutant terrorists Quicksilver and the Scarlet Witch. Nonetheless, even these questionable recruits gained the government's trust and the public's admiration over time (although I wish that were still the case as far as Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch are concerned). The paranoid Henry Peter Gyrich of the Commission for Superhuman Activities was eventually appointed as the team's government liaison. Under Gyrich's tenure, he often threatened to revoke and sometimes suspended our A-1 security clearance, using his position to force modifications to the team's membership policies and recruit new members in order to meet racial and gender quotas. Gyrich was eventually replaced by Raymond Sikorsky, who was a far less meddlesome bureaucrat.

Public confidence in the Avengers suffered a major setback when our synthezoid member Vision became corrupted by the alien computer ISAAC and gained control of the world's computer systems with aspirations of world domination. Although the situation was quickly rectified and Vision was freed from ISAAC's influence, the incident led to the government again viewing the Avengers as a potential threat to national security. With our security clearance and government privileges severely curtailed, the Avengers were no longer allowed to house aircraft within New York City limits, forcing the team to relocate our Quinjets to the artificial island known as the Hydrobase in the Atlantic Ocean. Concerned about Vision's exposure to classified data during his brief attempt at world domination, the international coalition of government intelligence agencies known as Vigilance abducted the synthezoid and seemingly wiped his mind clean. Soon after, the U.S. government forced their operative U.S. Agent onto the team of Avengers operating on the West Coast in order to supervise their operations.

We eventually lost our U.S. government support altogether, forcing us to reincorporate under a new United Nations charter. No longer beholden to the U.S. government, the West Coast branch promptly fired U.S. Agent for misconduct, although he eventually rejoined the team. When the villain Kang the Conqueror led a full-scale war against Earth, it was the Avengers who led the battle against Kang and his allies, although we were unable to prevent Kang's devastating assault on Washington, D.C. Shortly after, the super villain Scorpio began causing the world's capital cities to disappear and the United Nations (along with Gyrich, our new UN liaison) called on the Avengers to serve as an emergency global authority and peacekeeping force. Upon Scorpio's defeat, the grateful UN granted the Avengers the sovereignty enjoyed by independent nations, empowering Avengers members to act as diplomatic representatives of the super hero community. Unfortunately, all of our forward progress evaporated the day the Scarlet Witch, one of our own members, succumbed to insanity and used her reality-warping powers against us, forcing the Avengers to disband. It wasn't until months later that Cap and I decided to reassemble the Avengers in the wake of the Raft super villain breakout — but it was different this time, the U.S. government didn't trust us (the C.S.A. even recruited the Thunderbolts to attack us and plant surveillance equipment in our headquarters) and we couldn't even trust S.H.I.E.L.D.

The Registration Act has only put further strain on the already fractured team dynamic. Frankly, I don't even know who "the Avengers" are now. Do we even exist anymore? Obviously, Captain America and I are not on the same page — and he seems to have brought Avengers such as Luke Cage, Spider-Woman, Falcon, and Hercules around to his way of thinking. On the side of the government, we have Wonder Man, Ms. Marvel, Yellowjacket, She-Hulk, Mr. Fantastic, Wolverine (nominally), Sentry, and myself. Hell, I'm starting to suspect that even Peter may be having second thoughts about registration.

BISHOP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ENHANCED HUMAN

Lucas Bishop is an X-Man — but you couldn't tell it from his outlook on the state of mutant-human affairs. That's probably due to his unique life experiences and training as a mutant police officer. He was born in an alternate timeline approximately 20 years in our future, a world where the mutant-hunting Sentinel robots had taken over North America and those mutants who had not been systematically slaughtered were rounded up into relocation camps. Bishop was actually born in one of those mutant relocation camps (after his parents fled to America when the nation of Australia was destroyed in a nuclear strike) where, like all mutants, he was branded with an "M" tattoo over his right eye for identification purposes. Eventually, humans and mutants joined forces to overthrow their Sentinel oppressors in what came to be known as the Summers Rebellion. But tensions between humans and mutants remained uneasy, with mutant terrorist groups such as the Exhumes declaring war on humankind. This prompted the Summers Rebellion veteran known as Hecat'e to establish the Xavier Security Enforcers (X.S.E.), a mutant police force founded on Hecat'e's belief that only mutants should hunt down mutant criminals.

Bishop idolized the Exhume terrorists as a child, but decided he wanted to join the X.S.E. after they rescued him from an Exhume member who nearly killed him. Bishop's dream was realized when he and his sister, Shard, were accepted as cadets in the X.S.E. Academy under the supervision of Hecat'e. Eventually graduating, Shard became a commanding officer while Bishop contented himself with a lower rank where he could work the streets as a homicide investigator. Bishop arrived in our era when he chased a gang of mutant criminals through a time portal. Meeting the X-Men, who were regarded as legendary figures in his time, the stranded Bishop was honored when Charles Xavier offered him membership on the team. United with the legends of his youth, Bishop set out to prevent the genetic war that led to his timeline.

Bishop eventually formed a splinter group of X-Men which he hoped would form the basis of what would become the X.S.E. of his own time. Led by the X-Man Storm, this "X-Treme Sanctions Executive" was an international, government-approved force of global mutant peacekeepers. But federal authorities had other plans for Bishop, as his experience as a mutant police officer was needed in Manhattan's Alphabet City (colloquially known as "District X" or "Mutant Town"), a section of New York City that had become a safe haven for mutants from around the world. Concerned with Alphabet City's rising crime rates, Bishop was paired with human NYPD officer Ismael "Izzy" Ortega and sent to investigate rumors of a mutant gang war between rival crime lords Daniel "Shaky" Kaufman and "Filthy" Frankie Zapeuder, among other disturbances in the community. Naturally, after the world's mutant population was decimated on M-Day, there was little need for a mutant police officer in Mutant Town, as nearly all of Mutant Town's population had been transformed into non-powered humans. So Bishop returned to full-time status as an X-Man.

Shortly after the SuperhumanRegistration Act was passed, I personally went to the X-Men to see if I could count on their support in apprehending noncompliant superhuman vigilantes. I was turned away with the promise that the X-Men would remain neutral in the conflict so long as they were left alone. But Bishop, not one to stand idly by while federal laws are being broken, felt differently and approached me as I was leaving the Xavier Institute, offering his assistance should we require it. Then, when the mutant refugees known as the 198 escaped federal protection, Bishop, who wanted to prevent the escape, had a falling out with Cyclops, leader of the X-Men.

Now Bishop works with us and had been placed in charge of a O*N*E coalition charged with locating the missing members of the 198. He is joined by Sabra (Ruth Bat-Seraph), a mutant agent of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency on loan to S.H.I.E.L.D. in exchange for the intelligence and surveillance technology that Israel needs to institute its own registration program. Also joining Bishop is Micromax (Scott Wright), a former agent of Britain's FI-6 and Resources Control eXecutive (RCX) who is now affiliated with MI-13, the branch of the British Secret Service that deals with super-beings and other weird happenings. Operating out of a O*N*E Sentinel Base in New Mexico, Bishop and his allies (supported by a team of O*N*E agents and Sentinel robots) have pinpointed the 198's location in an abandoned S.H.I.E.L.D. bunker in the Nevada Desert and have deployed to reacquire them. I will keep you posted on their progress.

Although he was born in a mutant relocation camp guarded by Sentinels, Bishop is intelligent enough to make the distinction between the current federal efforts to protect mutants and the totalitarian oppression he was subjected to in his future. I trust Bishop. He understands that we need to look at the big picture rather than succumb to knee-jerk reactions. I wish I could say the same for his fellow X-Men.

CABLE

Cable is perhaps my worst nightmare given form. Where Captain America is the heart of the faction rebelling against us, the mutant known as Cable has the power and ability to turn the tide in their favor.

My knowledge of this man's history is sketchy at best. As best I can tell, he's actually the son of Scott Summers, a.k.a. Cyclops of the X-Men, and a clone of the departed Jean Grey. Sent into the future to save him from a techno-organic virus that coursed through his body, he grew up there, hardened by a world where the madman Apocalypse ruled — and then he found a way back. For years, he seemed to pop up here and there, often leading a band of mercenaries called the Six Pack. Then he became an ever-constant presence in the mutant community a few years back. Taking Charles Xavier's students known as the New Mutants, he molded them into a military unit called X-Force. I made the mistake then of writing him off as just another superhuman, albeit one with very large, sophisticated weaponry. After one of the several times he was believed dead, his X-Force crossed paths with War Machine and S.H.I.E.L.D., and also made quick work of the Canadian-sponsored team Weapon: P.R.I.M.E. Upon his return, he continued his militaristic dogma, even having a hand in the apparent demise of the most recent incarnation of the Weapon X program.

Then things changed. Cable found a new purpose in life: to bring the world together whether the world liked it or not. S.H.I.E.L.D. tried to stop him, with little effect. It took the power of the Silver Surfer to finally burn him out, but not before he managed to create his own would-be South Pacific island-nation, Providence. This was all part of his plan, apparently, as he hoped to unite the world against him. Like a cockroach, Cable survived this as well, employing the mercenary Deadpool to help save him. He now uses massive amounts of technology (including, I'm willing to wager, some of mine) to replace his lost mutant powers. To make matters worse, he just took over the European nation of Rumekistan after orchestrating the assassination of their head of state, the Flag-Smasher (not to be confused with an apparent impersonator of his running around Los Angeles these days).

Cable is manipulative, cunning, and a born fighter. And I cannot say how much I abhor the thought that he's currently assisting Captain America's rebels. In fact, I don't even understand it. These last few months, Cable has sought a type of world peace, one that the Superhuman Registration Act would help bring about. All of us, working together, with both S.H.I.E.L.D. and the U.S. government. So why, after claiming two countries for himself, has he brought himself back down to a street-level resistance movement? Why is he offering unregistered super heroes amnesty in Providence?

Cable is too charismatic, in his weathered old soldier way. I've seen mere children follow him blindly into battle. Even if he isn't out to unite the world at this moment, his very presence can unite the various bands of fugitives we're trying to find. Worse, he can and will convince those on the fence to come around to his way of thinking, as if Captain America's power of personality wasn't enough.

It amazes me how similar Cable and Baron Zemo's new philosophies mirror one another. Both are men of violence out to make the world a better place the way they see fit. At least we have Zemo on a leash for the moment. We've also made a vital win against this would-be messiah: Deadpool, who Cable has recently been using to do his dirty work, is working for us now.

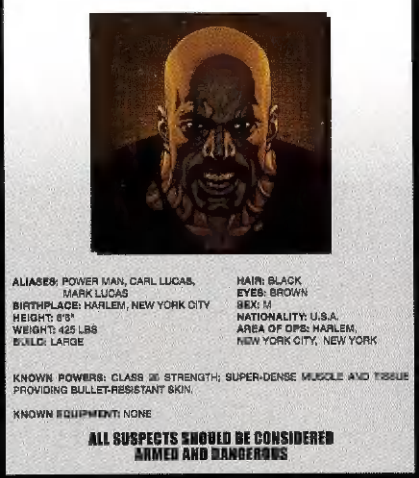
Cable's not alone, though. Through his time in the present, he has amassed an astounding number of blind followers. The various members of X-Force, many of whom we're already seeing show up by his side in this campaign (at least one of the youngest, Tabitha "Boom Boom" Smith has remained with her rogue anti-terror team Nextwave...for now); fellow time-traveler Prester John; and possibly most importantly, Irene Merryweather, a former journalist who, whether she realizes it or not, has turned into one hell of a PR rep for Cable.

Smart, powerful, charismatic, dangerous, and with knowledge of the future...well, knowledge of his future. All the worst ingredients for a potential enemy. Even worse for a current one. He's out there somewhere. I just hope it won't take the Silver Surfer to take him down this time.

LUKE CAGE

Luke Cage is a good man, every bit as noble as Steve Rogers in his own way. I wish we weren't on opposite sides of this conflict; he, of all people, should understand that young people especially need guidance. Born Carl Lucas, the son of James Lucas, a decent, hardworking ex-NYPD officer injured in the line of duty, Luke fell in with the wrong crowd, eventually joining one of Harlem's youth gangs, the Bloods; then his mother died. Though he was in no way responsible, her death made Luke realize the hurt he was causing his family, and he determined to straighten out his life, quitting the gangs. Unfortunately his friend Willis didn't, and a couple of years later, when the two friends became competitors for the same woman, Reva Connors, Willis framed Luke, planting drugs in his apartment and tipping off the police. Luke received a 20-year sentence. Before he could clear himself, Reva died in an assassination attempt aimed at Willis, and then Luke's brother, James Jr., lied to him, informing him their father had died heartbroken over his son's wrongdoing. With nothing left to lose, Luke agreed to undergo scientist Noah Burstein's experimental procedure to enhance cellular regeneration in return for a chance of parole. Luke emerged with steel-hard skin and superhuman strength, and promptly escaped.

Luke could easily have disappeared then; he was believed to have died during his jailbreak. Or he could have turned back to crime, taking revenge on a system he felt had wronged him. But Luke's better than that. Instead he returned to New York, risking recapture in the hope of proving his innocence. He became a Hero-for-Hire, taking the Luke Cage identity he's kept to this day, and while some decried him for accepting payment for something others do for free, there were plenty of instances where Luke risked his life helping those who needed him without asking for payment. He's got plenty of contacts in the Times Square area as a result, and it's worth starting any hunt for him there.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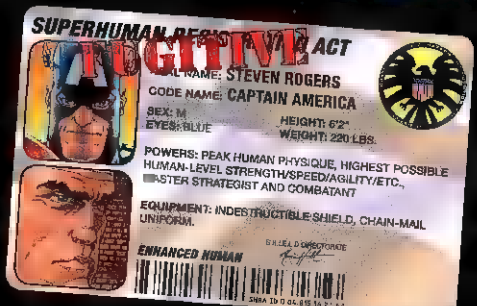
by S.H.I.E.L.D.
LUKE CAGE
ALIASES: POWER MAN, CARL LUCAS, MARK LUCAS
BIRTHPLACE: HARLEM, NEW YORK CITY
HEIGHT: 6'3"
WEIGHT: 425 LBS
BUILD: LARGE
HAIR: BLACK
EYES: BROWN
SEX: M
NATIONALITY: U.S.A.
AREA OF OPS: HARLEM, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK
KNOWN POWERS: CLASS 3S STRENGTH; SUPER-DENSE MUSCLE AND TISSUE PROVIDING BULLET-RESISTANT SKIN.
KNOWN EQUIPMENT: NONE
ALL SUSPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

It was during this period I first met him. One Orville Smythe hired Luke to "test Stark Industries security" by stealing an experimental Star-Suit. Luke and I came to blows, and he managed to do serious damage to my armor with his bare hands before we cleared things up. Keep in mind that this was before he got some major subsequent power boosts; don't underestimate him. Though he might not be able to bench press as much as them in a gym, he's gone toe to toe with heavy hitters like the Rhino, Hulk and Orka in his time. Ironically, shortly before I met Luke, Peter encountered him after J. Jonah Jameson hired Luke to capture Spider-Man, then wanted by the police; mindful of his own erroneous conviction, Luke let him go. Hopefully Peter won't let that influence him now.

Luke eventually cleared himself with the assistance of Iron Fist, and the two became close friends and partners. A definite odd-couple, they worked together for several years, until Fist was apparently murdered. It later turned out virtually no one involved was who they truly seemed: Lt Kris Keating of the NYPD was dead, replaced by an agent of the Foreigner, detective Tyrone King was really Fist and Luke's old foe Master Khan, the superpowered boy who committed the murder was a brainwashed Super-Skrull, and even the victim was a plant...literally. Don't ask — all you need to know is that Luke was surrounded by enemies, and it was easy for another of his enemies, Cruz Bushmaster, to frame Luke for Fist's "death." Cage went on the run again, until influence from the Avengers and FF and Iron Fist's reappearance finally got the charges dropped. Soon after some murderous Vault Guardsmen tried to frame him as a cop-killer before he could expose their own wrongdoings, and it wasn't too much later he was briefly possessed by a demon, and rampaged through Chicago. In each instance, he chose to go on the run rather than trust in the system to sort things out, though on both occasions he was exonerated. Over the years he's been a member of the Fantastic Four, the Defenders and Heroes-For-Hire. Cap recruited him to the New Avengers after Luke's help during the Raft breakout and I've served alongside him with pride.

Given his experiences, wrongly accused on no less than four occasions, I don't blame him, but he's got an instinctive distrust of the system, and his attitude to Registration isn't surprising. Even though he could easily register and avoid becoming a fugitive again, he's risking his new family, his wife Jessica and newborn son, to do what he thinks is right. I hope I could convince him of the terrible mistake he's made before it's too late.

CAPTAIN AMERICA



"W[illegible] Don't you recognize [illegible] famous red, [illegible] blue suit of..

[illegible] been [illegible] enough to witness many awe-[illegible] but [illegible] a [illegible] than I saw that [illegible]. While battling [illegible] Avengers, [illegible] discovered a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

COMMISSION ON SUPERHUMAN ACTIVITIES

Since the days when [illegible] World succumbed to petrification by league with terrorists and [illegible] collaboration with the government has been uneasy. I [illegible] have spared myself a lot of grief if I had [illegible] come [illegible] about [illegible] Iron Man [illegible] Department body, the C.S.A. holds sway over [illegible] information resources, [illegible] defense programs such as [illegible] and [illegible], to [illegible] and on Thunderbolts, and they will [illegible] key in getting our nation [illegible] our [illegible] itself.

The [illegible] currently [illegible] by Dr. Valerie [illegible], the President's Advisor on Mutant Affairs, who [illegible] tirelessly to defend our nation through past [illegible]. The Commission [illegible] came [illegible] attention of the [illegible] when they demanded that Captain America [illegible] answerable to their [illegible] It was revealed that the chairman, Douglas Rockwell, was a [illegible] of the Red Skull, but that wasn't discovered until after Rockwell's death. [illegible] refusal to [illegible] to the government led to him abandoning the costume, and the Commission filled it with John Walker, who [illegible] to [illegible] to this day as the U.S. Agent (although these days John is usually engaged in [illegible] operations). At the time Steve was [illegible] with his [illegible] I don't like to think of Steve letting down all of my errant [illegible] and that forced him to turn on the government to destroy their stock of pro-registration [illegible] learned [illegible] of my [illegible] Steve [illegible] became even more [illegible] by his refusal to [illegible] from him in flagrant [illegible] disobedience.

The Avengers [illegible] a [illegible] relationship with the [illegible] until our recent disbandment and [illegible] reformation. The [illegible] were rightfully suspicious of our [illegible] sent the Thunderbolts after us as a [illegible] of loyalty. If I had heeded [illegible] be where I am now, forced to resort to violence to [illegible] community. We should never have let our relations with the government [illegible] the way we did — we should have kept ourselves accountable to them and we [illegible] hand in [illegible].

If all goes as planned, the C.S.A. will [illegible] assume the position they should have always held as the [illegible] of our country's superhumans in the Fifty State Initiative. Aside from that bit of [illegible] with [illegible] they've had [illegible] with us up until now, and I will be all too happy to let them [illegible] superhuman policy from now on.

The [illegible] superhuman forces gathered by the C.S.A. and Freedom Force in an attempt [illegible] the [illegible] the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants. Of Freedom Force's [illegible] members Archangel, Blue, the Crimson Commando, Nyoka the Jungle Girl, and Talisk have all been [illegible] while Diamond, Stonewall, Super Sabre, and Penance are [illegible]. From the ashes of Freedom Force arose X-Factor and Forge. Forge continues to serve the government, but Havoc, Polaris, Multiple Man, Quicksilver, Strong Guy, Wild Child, and Wolfsbane have returned to their various [illegible] X-Factor. The most recent [illegible] at team building were the Redeemers, [illegible] of the [illegible] Charcoal, Citizen V, the Fixer, Joe Meteorite, Vapor, and Smuggler. Unfortunately, the Redeemers [illegible] out [illegible] [illegible] of their only missions.

Solo agents of the C.S.A. include Ms. Marvel, while she [illegible] Homeland Security, but Carol recently left that posting. Other past [illegible] agents have included [illegible] who served on Freedom Force, then joined our [illegible] and is currently a [illegible] (Lemar Hoskins) was U.S. Agent comrade back in the day, but he resisted [illegible] and is now incarcerated; the Thunderbolts, who all went [illegible] to [illegible] and the Juggernaut (Cain Marko), a [illegible] bounty hunter, [illegible] employed as a C.S.A. [illegible] hunter. Some other notable agents include Mike [illegible], who [illegible] to a [illegible] government [illegible] Quicksilver, and Andrea Sterman, staff psychiatrist [illegible] being held as a permanent guest [illegible] to prevent her from [illegible] their secrets.

The current board of the Commission is made up of:

Dr. Valerie Cooper, Chairperson: From Project: Wideawake to Freedom Force to the U.S. Agent to [illegible] to the [illegible] Dr. Cooper's legacy to our nation is [illegible] vast. Her duties are [illegible] she remains the guiding force of the Commission. Her record is [illegible] without [illegible] minor scandals, [illegible] she's [illegible] the C.S.A. team. She is the most trusted [illegible] community [illegible] her.

Henry Peter Gyrich: I was Chairman of the Avengers when Gyrich was first assigned to us as our [illegible] and our developing [illegible] tactics led to some of the worst friction in our team's history, as Gyrich demeaned [illegible] unwisely chose to [illegible] and ultimately began [illegible] everything from the [illegible] of our Quinjets to the number of members we could have on our team. We eventually had to [illegible] Gyrich from [illegible] off, until he was finally forced to step down by the Vision with Rex and Silverclaw taking his place. Gyrich has been a key player in the [illegible] mutant affairs [illegible] recently Project Wideawake and the Mutant Registration Act, and worked on the [illegible] of Department Kappa and Nth Act. He also served as Commission Comm the Captain America identity [illegible] and served as liaison to [illegible] Gyrich had an unfortunate incident when Baron Wolfgang von Strucker took control of him [illegible] control him to [illegible] to decimate the Earth's superhuman population using similar nanoprobes and hard-drive [illegible]. He later returned (Jack Power) to become the assassin Scourge and assist him, but the plot came [illegible] thanks to the efforts of the Thunderbolts. Because Gyrich was not in complete control of his faculties he was not [illegible] but instead [illegible] to serve as liaison to the Black Panther. Despite [illegible] Gyrich steadily proved himself to the Avengers and we allowed him to [illegible] on our mission up until our recent disbandment. When the Avengers folded, Gyrich returned to full-time [illegible] in the C.S.A., and he served as Acting Co-Chair with Dallas Riordan while Dr. Kissinger is absent with [illegible] duties. "Bad News Peter" is still not an easy man to [illegible] but he gets [illegible] loves his country, and we only ever [illegible] the best.

Orrington Lewis Hayworth: Along with General Curtis Holland and Peter Standish, General Haywerth represents the U.S. Armed Forces' interests in our country's superhuman dealings. Haywerth has been a long-time friend of Stark Industries since the days of my father, and I supplied arms to him for years, until I sold my stock in munitions. Even then, Haywerth has maintained an interest in the company's other innovations and military hardware and I worked closely with him during my time as U.S. Secretary of Defense. Haywerth has been in charge of most of the country's attempts to [illegible] superhumans, and his projects included the [illegible] Nuke, and the [illegible] Project [illegible] Haywerth currently serves as commanding officer to the U.S. Agent. Between the wealth is the best friend I have in the military and I [illegible] only wish that he's made of the stuff men like McArthur or Eisenhower were.

George Mathers: I know little about Mathers, other than his position as Central Intelligence Agency representative on the board. He was a victim to the Cabal's identity crisis. I understand that Mathers is very concerned about the country's increasing reliance upon S.T.A.R. (an [illegible] to minimize matters of national security, and so he has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] S.T.A.R. and U.S. so that the [illegible] might have [illegible] to [illegible] Director Hill is also [illegible] not his biggest fan.

Dallas Riordan: Descended from a member of the V-Battalion, Dallas was once a member of the New York Mayor's Office when she became a liaison to the Thunderbolts back in the days when that team was [illegible] as Atlas. She became [illegible] with Citizen Atlas, and that cost her her career when the Thunderbolts were [illegible] the V-Battalion stepped in and [illegible] to be the new Thunderbolts, and she took to the role [illegible], up until she was [illegible] to assassinate Citizen Atlas while he was controlled by Strucker's nanoprobes. A fight with the Thunderbolt cost her a broken [illegible] Atlas was killed, her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible], and he was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sort of [illegible] to Perform. The two of them were eventually [illegible] and Dallas regained full mobility [illegible], and [illegible] which she used in the Thunderbolts as Vantage. She later left the Thunderbolts to join Homeland Security, but when Atlas drew [illegible] their old link to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with Citizen Atlas's departure from the [illegible] Dallas has assumed most of [illegible] responsibilities, and [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible] — although [illegible] is a strictly [illegible] [illegible] She and Gyrich are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] while the Avengers is on leave.

Adrian Sinnott: He manages field operations for the C.S.A.'s special agents, arranging [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and his assistant Wade Werner manage personnel files on all active Guardians of the Nth and S.T.A.R. staff in the country. He also [illegible] [illegible] contact with the U.S. Agent while he's on [illegible] service. I [illegible] but he's very [illegible] on matters of recruitment; I only wants the best men in the field because otherwise he has to do the clean-up.

Orville Sanderson: Federal Bureau of Investigation liaison to the C.S.A., Sanderson [illegible] as outspoken as the other board members. I haven't dealt with him often because [illegible] of reports from Senator Byrd [illegible] I used Sanderson to pass on contracts with my competitors, former rivals of mine such as Roxxon, Hammer and Cyberex. He started to come around while I was Secretary of Defense, but never communicates with my office directly, usually making his aide Martin Farrow act as a go-between.

Raymond Sikorski: Another of our one-time operatives as part liaisons, Sikorski became our representative [illegible] on the part of the Vision, who used mental coercion to force Gyrich to step down and nominate Sikorski, [illegible] that Sikorski would be more pliant to his needs. The Vision's attempt at [illegible] world domination [illegible] failed, but Sikorski stayed on board. It was small wonder that he [illegible] [illegible], the project to dismantle and wipe the Avengers' [illegible]. I wouldn't be surprised if Sikorski harbored a grudge all of those years. Sikorski was a fine liaison [illegible] to Gyrich, but even he had to put his foot down on matters of policy, and he was ultimately the one to revoke our national security clearance. That was the last straw for Gyrich as we wound up [illegible] the United States to replace the [illegible] and given my [illegible] when we finally returned to [illegible] [illegible] liaison Dennis Freeman, rather than [illegible] to hurt feelings with Sikorski. My [illegible] with Sikorski since then have been entirely [illegible] related. It's strange to say it, but I have a better relationship with Gyrich these days than I do [illegible]

DAREDEVIL

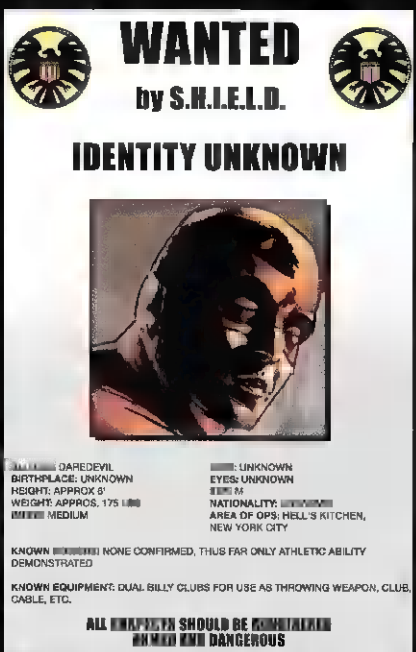
Of all the heroes who debuted during the "first wave" set in motion by the Fantastic Four, Matt Murdock remains the only one who has stood guard for Avengers. Although it remains largely unrevealed at this writing, Murdock gained superhuman senses when, as a youth, he was blinded by a transport spill of radioactive waste. Adrift in my chaotic life, waste was determined to stem from a Stark project during my father's tenure as [illegible]. However, Murdock overcame his blindness to graduate from law school with top honors and form a partnership with his classmate Foggy Nelson (more recently deceased). When Murdock's father was murdered by underworld connections, Matt took the identity of Daredevil to avenge his death and maintained it as a force for justice.

While most of Murdock's energy has gone against comparatively lower-level criminals, except in Hell's Kitchen, at times he's been faced with far higher threat levels, including my acquaintance Mephisto and even the likes of Ultron and the Unnamed, who sought to switch bodies with him (an experience I don't envy). We've worked together on occasion, and Murdock's presence is worth much against Avengers-level enemies such as the Zodiac, the Hand, Bullseye, and Mysterio. The Elektra affair, once aimed both of us into [illegible] which certainly sounds like an overly expressive but short-lived pulp magazine novel, climaxed in a [illegible] awkward connection to our mutual past [illegible] with Natasha Romanova, the Black Widow. She's not one of the few heroes who have seen me at my lowest, after attending a party during my months of drug alcoholism, I stumbled into one of his fights with Crossbow. We've since reclaimed the unusual history of our infrequent meetings, and I appreciate that. The only really tense moment [illegible] provided the Avengers was when Tony Stark and I confronted him over his defeat of Nuke, a criminal renegade super-soldier who was created in Hell's Kitchen on behalf of Daredevil's most persistent enemy, Wilson Fisk, the Kingpin of Crime.

I suppose I should comment specifically on my experiences with Matt Murdock, attorney, but since our connections have always been through legal staffs, we've rarely met under any circumstances but social functions (where I've often met his wife such as when he was Assistant District Attorney. However, over the years Nelson and Murdock have admirably defended various Avengers, as well as the FF (one of their earliest clients) and others in our circle.

Daredevil has enjoyed a rather [illegible] relationship with S.H.I.E.L.D. [illegible] Hydra, Thor's Emissaries of Evil, and others. Unfortunately, his association has been much darker of late, since Sam Silke, a personal favorite, for a deal after a brief run against Fisk, gave the FBI testimony that Daredevil and Murdock were one in the same. The feds rejected Silke's deal, but the duality remained [illegible] and Murdock's life turned chaotic. Recently, I [illegible] his own deal for proof of Murdock's identity, and an FBI division frustrated both at the agency's inability to prosecute a case against Fisk and at Murdock's repeated [illegible], accepted. Fisk then manipulated Daredevil into a fight with the museum burglary, where his spilled blood cleared the way for DNA confirmation between Murdock and Daredevil. The charges cleared Luke Cage, arrested on a previously unrelated charge, but no was Murdock. Both were sent to Ryker's Island, and thus far, neither the influence of Wood Productions, Satchit, or I have been able to shed light on Murdock's imprisonment. The issue has, regrettably, must remain tabled during the current crisis.

However, a certain unidentified Person of Interest has complained of Cage to us [illegible] part-time and contractor of superheroes, a Operative who seems too experienced and assured to be a newcomer to the agency. Her [illegible] identity and motives (does he want to cast doubt on the existence of Murdock's alternate identity, take up a fallen mantle, or merely cash in on a new potential reputation) remain a mystery to me, and, unfortunately, Cage is neither willing nor available to answer any questions. The most obvious suspect is Cage's [illegible] partner, Iron Fist, Living Weapon for Hire, Iron Fist, but there's no shortage of athletic types in the Rolodex: Blade, Diamond, Agatha, Sunny, the Melvin Kimble Paladin, maybe Jack Flag, Vincente Rhodes, the Tumbler, one of Silver Sable's Wild Pack, or someone we've forgotten or don't know. Murdock's [illegible] girlfriend Elektra seemed to [illegible]. Or perhaps the man in question is [illegible] Daredevil [illegible] we'll see. I'm now good at unmasking someone else's secret identity, so maybe this mystery Daredevil can [illegible] himself with Captain America's help [illegible].


WANTED
by S.H.I.E.L.D.
IDENTITY UNKNOWN
ALIAS: DAREDEVIL
BIRTHPLACE: UNKNOWN
HEIGHT: APPROX 6'
WEIGHT: APPROX. 175 LBS
BUILD: MEDIUM
SEX: UNKNOWN
EYES: UNKNOWN
HAIR: RED
NATIONALITY: UNKNOWN
AREA OF OPS: HELL'S KITCHEN, NEW YORK CITY
KNOWN POWERS: NONE CONFIRMED, THUS FAR ONLY ATHLETIC ABILITY DEMONSTRATED
KNOWN EQUIPMENT: DUAL BILLY CLUBS FOR USE AS THROWING WEAPON, CLUB, CABLE, ETC.
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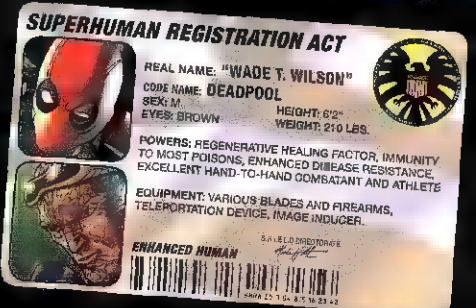
DEADPOOL



The early life of "Wade Wilson" (that doesn't seem [illegible] the closest thing we have to any [illegible] of the worst-case scenario that the Superhuman Registration Act is intended to prevent: a young man [illegible] the law into his own hands and [illegible] up a deadlier threat [illegible] of the opponents he fights. The incessant jokes that later earned him the nickname "Merc with a Mouth" don't weigh in [illegible] aren't funny.

From what S.H.I.E.L.D. has pieced together, Wilson became a mercenary in his late teens and posted himself on only taking assignments to kill people who "deserved" it, [illegible] who figured murder was somehow "noble" as long [illegible] the right reasons" of a crime. [illegible] he got hold of an early prototype of what became [illegible] and [illegible] tinkered with [illegible] since, and he used it to create [illegible] new identity whenever an assignment went [illegible]. After a [illegible] botched assignment, he found [illegible] Weapon X and [illegible] Wade, whose name the merc [illegible] his own identity. However, he [illegible] killed Mercedes instead, and [illegible] violation of his [illegible] code" sent him over the edge, convincing him [illegible] truly was Wade Wilson and, even after eventually learning otherwise, he's kept the name to this day. There's been some [illegible] but to date [illegible] heard no other.

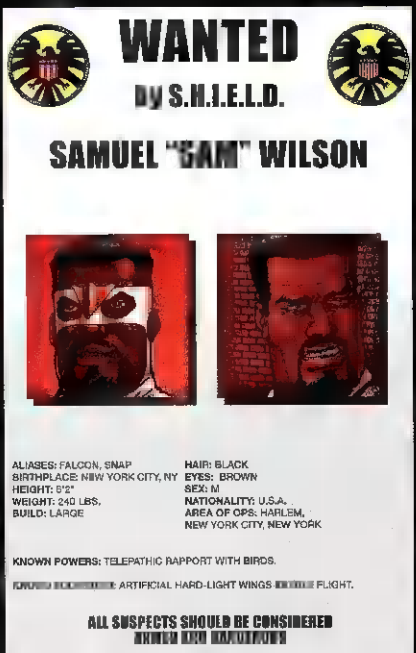
Eventually Wilson, having contracted cancer, became an [illegible] of Canada's Department H, which [illegible] him using a healing factor [illegible] from Wolverine. In return, Wilson put his [illegible] talents to use in an early [illegible] of the Weapon [illegible] [illegible] out of the program on a [illegible] killing teammate Strikeback, although the details of [illegible] [illegible] much else about Wilson's life remain [illegible]. Sent to a [illegible] facility for criminals, he became the latest test [illegible] for Doctor Killebrew's [illegible] and [illegible] experiments, but his stay ended when he [illegible] patients in a rebellion and escaped. He [illegible] to mercenary work with the name "Deadpool" and fewer restrictions on [illegible], literally meaning he decided killing non-criminals was "okay, too." He's ever since his healing factor [illegible] repeated [illegible] when it [illegible] to have left his sanity in [illegible], it's unclear whether [illegible] he could ever [illegible] be [illegible] to [illegible] for his crimes. At some point he [illegible] a teleportation device and has handled it as [illegible] he's handled his [illegible], without [illegible] all his [illegible], the man's [illegible] sharper than his [illegible].

For a time [illegible] received treatment from [illegible] Counter-Agency Department H, funder of Alpha Flight. I'm still [illegible] for data on whether he sought it [illegible] arrival [illegible] are [illegible] for his crimes — considering how [illegible] K and H [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] Weapon X, Cerebra's [illegible] are [illegible] to pin down than ours — but clearly [illegible]. His [illegible] list includes the [illegible], Hammerhead, the Taskmaster, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], and I'd be naive if I didn't [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

FALCON

Something tells me it's not a surprise that Sam is on Steve's side. I think that Sam even understood the wider implications of his decision — Steve has a knack for making others feel inside his potent spell. Sam is a free thinker, and he's had his differences with Steve in the past, but whereas my problems with Steve mostly ... Sam and Steve always seem to grow closer by reconciling their differences and facing their problems. Maybe if I'd made this analysis sooner, I would've voted Sam to intermediate on my team. I mean, Sam's never been particularly close to me, or the other Avengers for that matter. He was forced on the team as a "favor" to Captain America, and probably wouldn't have been at all if Cap hadn't been there to smooth things over.

Consider Sam's history: during he met Cap he was a poor, uneducated "Snap" from a rough area. He'd come from a broken family, raised by a minister, but his father's death was so hard on him that it [illegible] as if he'd become another person. The [illegible]ahoti (Johann Schmidt — now I know what Johann all was well as its multifaceted personality) or Secretary of Defense Dell from [illegible] my memory used a Cosmic Cube to make Sam someone Steve would [illegible] as a sidekick [illegible] he could use his control over Sam as an ace in the hole later. It was a pretty messed thing to do, but Sam's come out of it very nicely ... Steve from the Skull in the end, and while Sam's had occasional lapses into his violent "Snap" persona, he's generally a better man for what the Red Skull did to him. I'm not that I'd ever say it to his face.



Sam was merely a [illegible] athlete for most of his career until [illegible] of Wakanda (the Black Panther) designed his first flight harness. Using that suit, he became one of the first aerial combatants on Earth, rivaled only in my better in hand-to-hand aerial combat. When he upgraded the suit for the first time he turned to Tony Stark, and [illegible] constructed a suit that [illegible] his physical abilities and designed a new cybernetic link that would let him control the harness — and some [illegible] attached from the suit. But when he needed another upgrade he went back to T'Challa. The current suit uses wings made of "hard light" (would [illegible] T'Challa beat me to the patent by two decades?) and an undetectable [illegible] from the suit. Sam's only power is to communicate with birds. Okay, okay, he could only talk to his pet falcon, Redwing, but he can [illegible] up entire flocks now and "see" through their eyes.

Sam's made some mistakes in his chosen profession is social worker, and has [illegible] effort to become his double life [illegible]. He's also a legend in Harlem to criminals and law enforcement alike because he's [illegible] criminal, a [illegible] and a hero — he knows how everyone lives. The Falcon is to Harlem what Captain America is to the entire U.S. — a symbol, a beacon, a champion. He saves the [illegible], gives the deserving a second chance, and throws the bad guys to their knees. He could [illegible] a powerful force in the Fifty State Initiative. Maybe there's still time for him to come around, but I fear he won't listen.

Sam's made his choices, and regardless of how I may feel, he's Steve's friend, not mine. Now that it's come to a fight, he'll have to learn first-hand what I'm capable of. I'll recommend keeping any confrontation with him to the ground to minimize his advantage in the air. If he refuses to be [illegible], I'll just as soon [illegible] him allow him to plan an ambush. Sam likes to come in close in fights, so ranged combat is the best option. [illegible] one occasional electricity will shut down the suit. If he's still [illegible], he should be knocked unconscious to prevent him from using his power to communicate with birds. It may sound like a [illegible] power, but if he's in a flock it'll interfere with targeting and movement, plus it [illegible] his power for [illegible] scouts and espionage. The Falcon's friendship with Captain America will likely also win him the respect of the other dissidents, and they may turn to him for leadership should Captain America be absent. It's best to clip his wings and disarm him ASAP.

SALLY FLOYD

Real [illegible]
Aliases: None
Identity: No dual identity
Occupation: Newspaper journalist
Citizenship: U.S.A.
Known Relatives: [illegible] (ex-husband), [illegible], deceased)
Group Affiliations: Ex- Alternative (newspaper) presently a human [illegible] "Secret Avengers"
Education: College degree in journalism
Height: 5'6"
Weight: [illegible] lbs.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Dark brown

History: Sally Floyd is an acerbic reporter for the [illegible] "New York's hippest newspaper," The Alternative, the liberals' answer to J. Jonah Jameson's [illegible] Daily Bugle. She has a reputation for going for the throat when she's off on one of her pet passions concerning fresh meat and perceived violations of civil liberties, as New York Congressman Sylvester Sykes can personally attest. Floyd (and her paper) have since run afoul of the Superhuman Registration Act, questioning whether it violates the Constitution and excessively infringes upon the rights of superhumans to live their lives as they see fit, rather than subjugating the majority of such individuals to the [illegible] training [illegible] for the betterment of the superhuman community and to avoid a repeat of [illegible].

From what I have gathered about her personal life, Sally was raised a typical middle-class woman, went on to graduate with a degree in journalism and eventually landed a decent paying job at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution before finally the Alternative job and moving to New York. Roughly around [illegible] at the time, she gave birth to her [illegible] child, Minnie, and seemed to have it all — only to have it all fall apart through no fault of her own.

A couple of years ago Floyd had written a series of articles entitled "The Mutant Diaries," which looked at the lives and loves of [illegible] mutant. The purpose was to show the "human" side of these [illegible] and demonstrate to the average human that mutants were "just like us," only with extra abilities and, in some cases, extra appendages. Then, a year ago, Floyd took a sabbatical from work to [illegible] to her dying daughter, during which time her life fell apart, ultimately resulting in her being divorced and sliding into a bottle — all too easy choice to make when life's heartaches catch up with you. It was only recently, in the wake of M-Day, that I heard publicly denounced the details of that year in her column, now entitled "Life Without Powers." Along with the stories of [illegible] who were unable to live without their abilities, she shared the pain of watching her toddler daughter's mutant powers slowly slip away before her eyes until Minnie finally passed the point of viability and died, despite the medical community's best efforts (and leaving me to wonder what if someone like Reed or [illegible] had been consulted, could Minnie have somehow been saved, or at least been provided with some comfort be found for her condition?). That column [illegible] the hatred of self-hating mutant [illegible] the Ghoul, who up to that point had tried to have a "normal life" with Floyd by [illegible] her the stories of the mutants he had killed, but who then turned on her when she [illegible] up as "impure," having procured a mutant child. With the X-Men's aid, the Ghoul was taken into custody, where he now awaits trial for the many murders he killed during his murder [illegible].

Since the passing of the Superhuman Registration Act, Floyd has taken a decided pro-Registration stance and has come out to report on the so-called "perils of the unregistered heroes." She even made contact with a faction of unregistered superhumans led by Battlestar (Gene Hudson) and Typeface (Gordon Thomas), and was given to their warehouse hideout in Manhattan for a series of exclusive interviews. Unbeknownst to Floyd, we followed her the next time she rendezvoused with the faction and arrested nearly all of the unregistered combatants assembled there, sending them to "Camp" Zone Alpha. Floyd, who we still believe knows the whereabouts of Captain America's Secret Avengers, was next seen speaking with an unidentified hooded contact (who many of our analysts believe was Nick Fury) in New York's Chinatown. The next day, Jeb Attwood, a National Security Agency agent attached to S.H.I.E.L.D., led a team of [illegible] to the Alternative's offices and arrested Floyd and Neil Crawford, the [illegible] managing editor, for conspiracy to commit terrorist acts and harboring the identity of an unregistered combatant in violation of the Superhuman Registration Act. They are currently in custody at a S.H.I.E.L.D. interrogation facility.

GOLIATH

Bill Foster's powers are nearly straightforward — using Pym Particles, he can grow to twenty-five feet, increasing his mass in exponential proportion to his height, while his strength and resistance rise proportionally. Though his powers have grown and grown over the years, the basic idea remains the same...

My first conversation with Bill Foster (Goliath, also Giant-Man, Black Goliath) was a remarkable exploit with Jim Kakalios on extra-dimensional incongruities of the Planck constant, and I quickly had them hired for Stark Unlimited. When my roommate Hank Pym (Giant-Man, ex) found himself stuck at experimental size, I took him Foster as a research associate, and the two provided some extraordinary results. With Pym's blessing, Foster adapted and improved the Pym Particle growth process, taking the name Black Goliath. Immediately terrorizing Foster when he hit the streets, I quickly rehired him to head up Stark West, where he and his gang of "Whiz Kids" made numerous notable advances. Still, Foster's encounters with the exploding Pym Particle growth process with such as Atom-Smasher (Ronald English), the Hijacker (Howard Ahlquist), and Solarion (Walter Dyer). Though he kept a secret at the time, he contracted a healing power virus from his bout with Atom-Smasher, and began a slow decline. I refused for close to a year, he took a position at the U.S. energy research facility Project: PEGASUS, focusing its efforts in Glen Allen and striking up a strong friendship with Ben Grimm (ex-). during which time he revealed his illness and shared accelerated his life as a result the universe knew the threat of the Sub-Mariner (ex-as Lightner). Shortly thereafter, he stumbled a potential cure in an old Aztec shrine to rescue Doctor Druid instead, who was then dying from the Ultimate Virus. Ultimately, this effort him a reputation when he and Spider-Woman (Jessica Drew) recovered the leftover of the original Atom-Smasher, and his cure potential saved provided a cure for the radiation poisoning which was terminating him.

Cured of his illness, Foster also lost his mental control of the Pym Particles, but never couldn't give up the super-hero life. After formally working with the Avengers on the California compound, he took a job working for the Fantastic Four and assisted in his spare hours on countering his own near-brutality. When he discovered the Hood's intended to use evolve humanity, he immediately sacrificed his chance at restoration to summon the Avengers. However, the team freed him and he did manage to restore his powers, joining the fight against the Evolutionary. He briefly returned to work for me at Stark West, but soon left to work with Dr. Pym on an ill-conceived project to grow super-sized plants.

After working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Foster turned to fighting other villains (ex-Grimm particular, and he changed his name to Goliath while aiding the Thing against Cauldron the Scambling Man (and ending up Grimm for the ride). (I'm not quite sure why he's signed up with Iron Fist save that so many look up to that man (me, with such moral reason). As one of the earlier costumed African-American heroes, I think Bill sees himself as having a role to uphold, and constantly gives me government me as not eating him up inside. With all that Hank Pym and I have come for years, and with the help of the Thing and Ben Grimm, I'd tend to believe we could convince him to sign up to clean under if we could only get him away from the villains. Foster has also been in love with the idea of being a hero — why is it that fighting against something has always seemed so much more noble than fighting for something?

One area of potential friend is in his relationship with the Black Panther. The pair first met when Foster was working with Hank not long after the Black Panther first joined the Avengers, and they struck up a friendship there. Foster has since worked with the Wakandan government on a variety of projects, particularly with regards to the distribution of the Kimoyo cell-net of the Wakandan Vibranium, and himself has occasionally met with Panther's other governmental aid on when Killmonger assembled his Revolutionary Force in New York. They certainly have immense respect for each other as scientists, men, and friends. I'd have to guess they of the major the Panther considers more in the super-hero community. Foster and I both have to rank high. I know that Panther sees my personal link as the servants of a foreign nation, has officially pledged Wakanda and won't support the rebels openly. Still, re-recruiting Foster could prove immensely useful in securing that Panther's continued covert support.

GREEN GOBLIN

I of [illegible] and superhuman [illegible] I knew [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] He [illegible] his [illegible] some [illegible] the [illegible] albeit controversial, subject [illegible] human [illegible] I [illegible] did I know [illegible] belied [illegible]

My [illegible] with Peter [illegible] the opportunity to know the real Norman Osborn, a man[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

HERCULES

Son of Zeus, ruler of the Olympian gods. Champion of Olympus, ruler of the Fatal Sisters and God of Gods. In physical combat, one of the mightest beings on Earth. Over 5,000 years ago, Hercules' exploits in the Labors are literally the stuff of legend. You would think that this experienced warrior would have the wisdom to appreciate the theories of superhero registration. You would think that as a god, he would have a passion for relationships with mortals and appreciate the responsibility those with great power owe to those with little power. You would think, as a former S.H.I.E.L.D. agent, he would not be adverse to the idea of once again becoming a registered super hero.

But he doesn't. Zeus' quintessential Herculean is the perfect poster child for why the Superhuman Registration Act is necessary. He has not been cowed by the Norse Avengers or Doctor Doom. On the contrary, he has more arrogance in his little finger than all of us combined. Hercules' problem is his recklessness — the mere fact that he knows he is strong enough to accomplish whatever task or goal he sets his mind to. As an invincible myself, I can personally attest to the fact that even fighting evil forces do not make for a good combination. I thought Hercules had learned this lesson when he nearly killed the Grey Hulk Constrictor (Clyde Wilson) while we fought Zeus from torpedoing an armored train as the Constrictor took cover for damages and was awarded all of Hercules' Olympian gold. But, since Hercules eventually won his treasure back in a poker game, I think a very important lesson was lost.

Hercules' most endearing qualities are his bravery and unwavering [illegible]. And I believe it is his [illegible] as Captain America that swayed his decision to join the registration movement. [illegible] has [illegible] a very close friend and ardent supporter, often putting himself in vulnerable confrontations with the press on Cap's behalf during Registration. He was also invited to a memorial service for [illegible] Avengers and [illegible] us for our handling of those who would've been killed was dead at the time. Now an informant [illegible] Mikoshi [illegible] into S.H.I.E.L.D.'s "Guarding Constitution" unit who is knowledgeable in Olympian affairs, but previously [illegible] struggle that pits [illegible] father, was seemingly killed when in evil mood [illegible] (Mikoboshi) of the Eastern laid siege [illegible] Olympus. Given that time in Olympus passes [illegible] time on Earth, it's difficult to pinpoint exactly how long ago Zeus' attempted "death" occurred, but [illegible] Hercules' father figure also [illegible] a role in his decision to side with Captain America.

However, to play devil's advocate, I suppose Hercules' people also believe he is the son of Zeus and the champion of the Olympian gods — why would Hercules need to register with the rulers of mortal governments? After all, that was the attitude the Asgard Thor had toward the notion of U.S. involvement in Asgard when Odin founded the Avengers years ago. Hercules' loyalty to Olympus, which has constantly alienated him in the form of the Olympian's domestic and sexual harassment lawsuits [illegible] his attitude toward [illegible].

It remains to be seen how other Olympians will react to the Superhuman Registration Act. Athena in Parallax is the by far the Olympian who savvied in intellectual pursuits [illegible] the gods. Ares (Olympian God of War) and Hephaestus (Olympian God of [illegible]) have shown to directly involve themselves in the affairs of mortals on Earth, for better or for worse. Furthermore, Hercules' half-sister, Venus (Olympian Goddess of Love) [illegible] from the DCU in 1958 under the directions of Imperious Rex and has recently reunited with other aliens. If the Olympian gods refuse to register with the Registration Act, we always have the option of forcing the hands of the Olympian Gods (metaphorically, right under their noses. In Manhattan), which my stance tells me is a measure more than the Olympian pantheon [illegible] Hercules' involvement in the affairs of mortals.

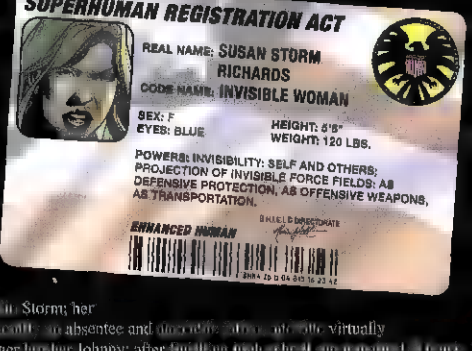
Regardless of how Hercules and the other Olympian Gods react to the Registration Act, it remains my [illegible] that the talents of yet to register are perfectly suited to serve as the superhuman [illegible] for hire. They possess a level of power, training and name recognition that strikes fear into the hearts of mortal criminals. As such, I plan to continue my program with my godly team even if the Olympians refuse to post bail.

HUMAN TORCH

Storm is a public relations liability even for former significant relationship with Namorita (Prince Namorita), one of the New Warriors killed in Stamford. His sex and [illegible] to him to the Warriors in the public mind, and though his recent [illegible] may engender public sympathy, his [illegible] of the former political [illegible] beforehand [illegible] him, [illegible] and all superhumans by extension appear [illegible] the public eye. Speed is a [illegible] idiot far [illegible] — [illegible] we all can sympathize with the [illegible] there are better ways to deal with your [illegible] than [illegible] destruction of Empire State [illegible] and unfortunate parallels to the Stamford disaster — [illegible] no one was killed [illegible] the Bible the relative [illegible] of the destruction compared with the [illegible] familiar [illegible] Dream [illegible] to our [illegible]. It cost Reed [illegible] a lot of cash to settle the lawsuits, not as [illegible] money really goes on to [illegible] your image. Expensive though it might be to try it, his [illegible] and he is the best [illegible] for dealing Storm — not only [illegible] his flaming [illegible] out of the [illegible] but we can [illegible] to incorporate public [illegible] we can. When we [illegible] prefer him under [illegible] — if only he'd sustained the [illegible] with the renegades and not [illegible] hands of [illegible].

Johnny Storm is phenomenally [illegible] young [illegible] and accompanied the team on that initial [illegible] primarily to provide the senior [illegible] balance and to prevent him from [illegible] regular Reed [illegible] plans. At an early age he [illegible] [illegible] criminal [illegible] to the point of death; [illegible] [illegible] an untrained [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

INVISIBLE WOMAN



Susan is the backbone of the Fantastic Four, both den mother to the family and the heart of the team, not to mention a powerful operative. She's also a scientist, but I'll keep that observation [illegible] and continue to refer to her as Susan. Susan Storm was born to Dr. Franklin Storm and Valeria Meltzer Deltarus. The mild, caring, and compassionate qualities of [illegible] have been a valuable asset in our [illegible] interactions with [illegible] which [illegible] to use an unwise move.

Susan's mother was killed by a mind control, Dr. Franklin Storm; her father died when she was young. [illegible] an absentee and disinterested [illegible] virtually grew up on [illegible] always [illegible] for her younger brother Johnny; after finishing high school she was promoted to [illegible] of the [illegible]. Her [illegible] to Reed led to her [illegible] at the [illegible] she gained the [illegible] and [illegible] relationship now [illegible] to her [illegible] to [illegible] away by the U.S. military the moment the team [illegible] on Earth). Susan [illegible] powerful [illegible] and [illegible] skills [illegible] [illegible] collapse, and immersed herself at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] get the latter position, but [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] role of housewife and mother. Sh[illegible] [illegible] left Reed and the team when he [illegible] unable to accept her role as a member of the Fantastic Four as being [illegible] [illegible] mother, but they soon reconciled. When Reed was [illegible] presumed dead, she [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] held the team in his absence, [illegible] his [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] she [illegible] [illegible] to her [illegible] [illegible] role.

[illegible] through a surprisingly [illegible] amount in her [illegible] with the Four. Sue [illegible] personality seen between transformed and reverted to [illegible] from child to adult and back, [illegible] seen him [illegible] by allies and enemies, kidnapped and tortured. She believed that she had a miscarriage, only [illegible] that her return as a grown child [illegible] remaining [illegible] not just long enough [illegible] transformed to [illegible] form and returned to Sue's womb. [illegible] seen every member of the extended family "die" at least once, [illegible] such it all she remained faithful [illegible] to the ideal of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] family [illegible] all [illegible]. Despite appearances, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] marriage; in fact [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

IRON MAN

Looking back on my career, one of the longest of my contemporary "super [illegible]" I see that, far from being an example to the younger generation, I've been a source of inestimable pernicious to the early [illegible] very irresponsibility made me the government favorite wartime contractor and consultant, my eye more on profit margins than body counts. It wasn't until I saw the battlefield myself that I began my career as Iron Man. I became the premiere fighter of rampant Cold War leftovers, helped both found and found the Avengers, and then championed the formation of S.H.I.E.L.D. I also withdrew Stark Industries from munitions, one of the few decisions I still look back on with pride.

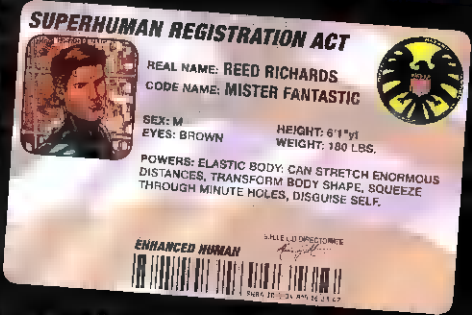
But if [illegible] the Stark name, that of Iron Man was [illegible] when [illegible] took [illegible] control of my armor to kill the Chinese ambassador, framing Iron Man for murder. Although the name of my "body guard" was eventually cleared, the incident [illegible] an [illegible] hangs, perhaps my first severe surrender to the bottle but by no means my worst. That came when Obadiah Stane obtained control of Stark Enterprises, leaving [illegible] and destitute. While James Rhodes took on the role of Iron Man in the newly formed West Coast Avengers, I [illegible] regained control of both my life and my fortune, and [illegible] replaced Jim on the team. Having [illegible] the heroism bug, Jim was later given the War Machine both on the team and alone (in [illegible] of his own questionable activities), and he currently serves in O.N.E., where I work with him well.

[illegible] for myself, somehow I found [illegible] middle ground between abdication and [illegible] after A.I.M. [illegible] the city of Boca Raton [illegible] by co-opting a Stark satellite, I [illegible] State Department's [illegible] in my own [illegible] to [illegible]. But that blunder paled [illegible] to my discovery that Stark technology, too dangerous to own, risk patenting, had been stolen by [illegible] and sold to [illegible] meaning I'd spent years fighting enemies of [illegible] own design. I rashly deactivated [illegible] of the [illegible] as I could during my "Armor Wars," attacking villain and hero alike and even destabilizing [illegible] such as the government's [illegible] when I realized my [illegible] nothing short of the apparent death of the "renegade" Iron Man [illegible] could calm the public. In [illegible] scandal followed scandal as I shouldered blame for Stane's crimes, [illegible] disbandment of the WCA and Operation: Galactic Storm, and [illegible] my sabotaged the replacement team Force Works with not only [illegible] but also [illegible], who controlled me during the [illegible] known as the Crossing. In short order, I was replaced by a [illegible] version of myself who proceeded to apparently [illegible] while actually being converted to adulthood in Franklin Richards' Counter-Earth before [illegible] returning to Earth, once again as myself (I [illegible], heavens I covered all that in one [illegible] I never have to mention it again).

With a new lease on life, I [illegible] myself to be Iron Man [illegible] again my rashness [illegible], [illegible] done so [illegible] admission of [illegible] to my [illegible] Iron Man [illegible] parents. I [illegible] operational opportunities to [illegible] of Doctor [illegible] in hope of [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] but, thanks to the [illegible] Witch's [illegible] [illegible] I lost control of my [illegible] (again) and my [illegible] Clarence Ward used my [illegible] for murder while I [illegible] myself before the U.N. in an apparent [illegible]. I [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] name, only to confront [illegible] Wanda's madness as the [illegible] were disassembled, [illegible] and ruined while I could do nothing. Then the Iron Man reacted like a child: I [illegible] that I was no [illegible] Iron Man, then put the armor back on and [illegible] all over again, [illegible] had happened [illegible] arrogance, some cover story, same [illegible] for anyone, but wouldn't let me make up the rules. Inevitable. I can only imagine how many mistakes I would've [illegible] if the current crisis hadn't [illegible] to jump ahead and re-reveal my [illegible] identity, setting a [illegible] of non-credibility I doubt any [illegible] will match for the next century or so. As the Acting [illegible] of your Super Hero Task Force, I am involved in [illegible] executive policies to promote the Registration Act as well taking a more direct approach to enforcement by going out into the field and capturing non-registered [illegible] myself. Along with my [illegible] team of officially-sanctioned heroes, and with the support of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s [illegible] [illegible] the "Super Soldiers," we [illegible] more [illegible] our forces respond to reliable reports of unauthorized [illegible] within 24 hours a day. Although we have not yet been able to apprehend the bulk of the [illegible] in Captain America's cell, we have been [illegible] against individual vigilantes and [illegible] cells, [illegible] as our recent arrests of the Typeface/Battlestar cell in Minnesota [illegible] [illegible].

Miriam [illegible] did help create [illegible] world of super heroes, where [illegible] action [illegible] [illegible], and now Tony Stark must repair that world. I just hope that between the two of us we don't wind up [illegible] it [illegible] and for all.

MR. FANTASTIC


SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT
REAL NAME: REED RICHARDS
CODE NAME: MISTER FANTASTIC
SEX: M
EYES: BROWN
HEIGHT: 6'1"
WEIGHT: 180 LBS.
POWERS: ELASTIC BODY: CAN STRETCH ENORMOUS DISTANCES, TRANSFORM BODY SHAPE, SQUEEZE THROUGH MINUTE HOLES, DISGUISE SELF.
ENHANCED HUMAN

Reed Richards — our world's [illegible] theoretical scientist [illegible] he ever thought of manufacturing and commerce, he could [illegible] the world, but instead he focuses [illegible] learning models for the love of learning and [illegible] resists most of my attempts to [illegible] his science.

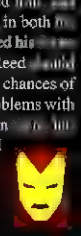
Reed grew up [illegible] technology, [illegible] Nathaniel Richards, being one of the [illegible] of his own day. Nathaniel was [illegible] to maintaining friendly [illegible] with my own father), and left his son with a sizeable fortune [illegible] he vanished into the timestream. Reed mostly [illegible] the fortune for years, devoting [illegible] to aid in advancing his own education and research as [illegible] worked towards advanced degrees in several schools. Accepting a [illegible] in spaceflight duration, Reed built the most advanced ship of [illegible] but the government [illegible] denied the launch for various reasons. Fearing that the project would be cancelled and his rocket would be turned to military applications, Reed stole the ship and flew it into space with three companions, the rest is history.

His theft and destruction of a multi-billion dollar project [illegible] made him governmental persona non grata, [illegible] consolidated his own fortune for the care and support of his [illegible] team, and for research into exotic [illegible] they had become. Reed quickly spent himself into [illegible] at which point he [illegible] of his work to private clients, the team in a manner that would be repeated many times over the following few years, just [illegible] and his team hit new depths in poverty, with each member [illegible] to take full time civilian employment just to buy food. Despite a number of lawsuits claiming rights to Reed's [illegible] of life's [illegible] including S.H.I.E.L.D. and the U.S. government, no [illegible] Reed's finally given reparations proved more [illegible] than optimistic claims.

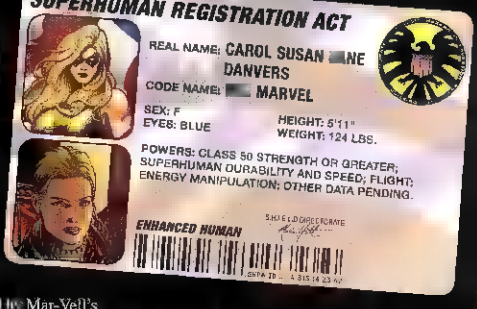
Reed and his team actively [illegible] and worked behind the Hitler Subcommission on Superhuman Activities that created the first Superhuman Registration Act of a few years past (the [illegible] of the original Mutant Registration Act) and Reed's [illegible] testimony is given much of the credit for the bill's ultimate failure. However, his "genius" then [illegible] and the governmental [illegible] easily for such a bill [illegible] temporarily impeded its [illegible] and led the government to address many of the points he brought up. While we'd all like to see the registration in its current form killed, Reed's [illegible] to be a leader in acceptance if and [illegible] with the inevitable fallout — we all have to live in the world we're in, not the world we'd like to live in. I think Reed finally [illegible] this a few months back when he led his team in a Latverian invasion to [illegible] the destruction of Dr. Doom's [illegible] after the [illegible] most [illegible] "Civil War" [illegible] manipulation of Reed and Sue's daughter Valeria. Reed [illegible] to take steps to ensure that Doom would be greatly weakened upon his [illegible] return (which has [illegible] occurred). Reed was willing to [illegible] his life to make sure Doom never threatened his family again; he [illegible] opposed the U.S. government [illegible] but only [illegible] enough to [illegible] for the [illegible] destruction.

Reed's an invaluable asset to the [illegible] pursuits for our [illegible] — the latest [illegible] wouldn't have been [illegible] without his [illegible] to the transfection of [illegible] recent [illegible] construction of the Negative Zone [illegible] proved to be the [illegible] for our current Negative Zone Prison Alpha, providing a safe space to contain the law-breakers [illegible] secluded laboratories [illegible] working towards [illegible] the Fifty States Initiative.

Despite his [illegible] [illegible] in the "Illuminati" and his [illegible] speaking of the greater good and of [illegible] I distrust [illegible] country, I'm not [illegible] convinced that Reed sees the full benefits of the current Registration Act, and I'm not sure to what degree he cares. Like [illegible], Reed has been unduly faced with his own mortality in recent years, and [illegible] his former narrow point of view has changed. Sue [illegible] has claims to have both led his team to Heaven to retrieve his dead best friend, and rescued his son after being trapped in Hell [illegible] the second or third time!). Reed was "killed" by his [illegible] Future Foundation [illegible] and left trapped in the distant past for months while his [illegible] mourned him, and [illegible] return he [illegible] himself (and his team) again "killed" by Onslaught. In the [illegible] as co-founder in both the Sciences and Mathematics, his primary goal seemed to be the protection of his extended family, and as he has expanded his [illegible] to protect them against [illegible], and their, criminal counterparts, then as long as being [illegible] serves that end, Reed should stay with the program. His wife's [illegible] displeasure seemingly towards the anti-registration are [illegible], but the chances of [illegible] Reed seem slim. His mind does not work that way — Reed inevitably focuses [illegible] on trying to fix his problems with [illegible] — once he solves the root problem, the [illegible] problems should solve themselves. There's a [illegible] in [illegible] if we [illegible] Reed [illegible] and emphasize the need to keep his family [illegible] in the [illegible] building, Reed will [illegible] never be [illegible] from a threat.



MS. MARVEL


SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT
REAL NAME: CAROL SUSAN DANVERS
CODE NAME: MARVEL
SEX: F
EYES: BLUE
HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 124 LBS.
POWERS: CLASS 50 STRENGTH OR GREATER; SUPERHUMAN DURABILITY AND SPEED; FLIGHT; ENERGY MANIPULATION; OTHER DATA PENDING.
ENHANCED HUMAN

Carol Danvers was [illegible] and, [illegible] Air Force right out of high school, quickly [illegible] status and earned the rank of colonel. Capturing [illegible] lines, she was [illegible] from Moscow's [illegible] by her [illegible] Rossi [illegible] Wisconsin, [illegible] she [illegible] she transferred to NASA as [illegible] chief, in which capacity she met Mar-Vell, the rebel Kree spy better known as Captain Marvel. When scientist Walter Lawson, secretly an operative of the [illegible], was killed by Mar-Vell's [illegible], Mar-Vell took Lawson's identity [illegible] investigation by Carol, whose [illegible] suspicions about Lawson were [illegible] by his [illegible] to vanish prior to the [illegible] of the mysterious [illegible] and when [illegible] she very reluctantly [illegible].

Carol fulfilled [illegible] in Mar-Vell's [illegible] rescue [illegible] "damsel in distress" role she [illegible] spent [illegible]. This [illegible] when Yon-Rogg abducted [illegible] leverage against Mar-Vell, [illegible] Rogg used a forbidden Kree weapon, a "Psyche-Magnetron," a matter [illegible] device powered by the user's will. Flooded [illegible] energy, Carol subconsciously used it to transform herself into a [illegible] similar to Mar-Vell. However, the device also [illegible] her mind toward a Kree psyche, and that, combined [illegible] apparent failure to [illegible] Lawson's [illegible] die or arrest Mar-Vell on [illegible] charges, led her to leave NASA [illegible] book about the [illegible], she eventually relocated to New York as an editor, [illegible] a second career as Ms. Marvel.

At first unaware of her new [illegible] herself unable to [illegible], and soon [illegible] her Kree and human personas [illegible] the Avengers. Although somewhat rebellious against [illegible] standards [illegible] the team, she quickly proved her power and prowess against Chthon, the Elements of [illegible], and others. When her boyfriend, Dr. Michael Barnett, was murdered, I assisted in [illegible] the culprit as mutant [illegible] (alias Raven Darkholme). Carol's pursuit of her identity was disrupted when Marcus Immortus abducted her to [illegible] where he [illegible] she could give [illegible] birth to a son that, somehow, was Marcus Immortus himself reborn. She [illegible] him to Limbo and it [illegible] discredit and shame of myself and my fellow Avengers that we failed to recognize Marcus had influenced her decision via [illegible] control.

Months later, Carol returned to Earth and suffered an even [illegible] violation when, drawn into a [illegible] with Mystique's Brotherhood of Evil Mutants, she was robbed of her [illegible] and memories by the [illegible] Selene. Professor X (Charles Xavier) [illegible] most of Carol's memories but could not restore the [illegible] emotions, leaving her past as an [illegible] amnesiac. While an ally of the X-Men, she was abducted by the alien [illegible], who detected signs of her powers [illegible] and experimented upon her, [illegible] using alien technology to again enhance [illegible] the cosmic-powered Binary. But while her powers were greater than ever, her memories remained distant, so [illegible] all [illegible] to Earth by [illegible] the Shi'ar Empire, a team of galactic "adventurers" [illegible] against [illegible] they were [illegible] to defend their own.

Eventually, for [illegible] reasons, the cosmic Binary fully restored Carol's memories, but again a [illegible] was struck as her powers [illegible] back to their [illegible] Mutant-induced levels. She returned to both Earth and the Avengers roster for a new role as Warbird, but her string of personal traumas led her to seek solace in a bottle, a territory I know far too well. Fortunately, [illegible] in battle and [illegible] her teammates more than once, she resigned from the team out of [illegible]. After seeking treatment (which I'd like to think can be partially credited to my [illegible] and remodel she [illegible] the Avengers then, in the wake of Kang's latest invasion, joined the Department of Homeland Security as Chief of Tactical Operations and Superhuman Liaison.

Most recently, Carol [illegible] again left her desk job to [illegible] her Ms. Marvel career, feeling she still owe a lot to [illegible] and she's herself. She helped the new Avengers [illegible] confronting the longtime [illegible] Wolverine) leader of the Collective, an [illegible] that may have reignited her [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] her [illegible] spiral repeat cycle completely. I only hope that the worst [illegible] now, because I've [illegible] seen the results of my own falls from the wagon, and I don't wish that on anyone, least of all someone of such [illegible] strength. Aside from her piratical sabbatical [illegible] watch the [illegible], my loyalty to the [illegible] is unflinching, and her strong ties to the government, Avengers, and X-Men make [illegible] Wolverine, the team's resident mutant malcontent) make her an invaluable ally in the [illegible].

MOON KNIGHT

I lay [illegible] a [illegible] convulsing [illegible] begging for [illegible] I made the only [illegible] could, [illegible] saved my life; and it has [illegible]

Marc Spector lay on a desert floor, dead to all [illegible] filled with [illegible] and [illegible] credited the [illegible] whose statue lay before him — Khonshu, [illegible] God of the Moon and Vengeance.

[illegible] with Moon Knight in the Avengers when we were both on the West Coast, but since [illegible] the team, he hasn't shown any [illegible] of looking back. In fact, he claimed that he was never truly an Avenger at all — that he was apparently possessed by his patron god at the time, and forced to obey its will.

If it sounds unusual, well, Marc Spector is an unusual man. Moon Knight is [illegible] fabricated identities; another is millionaire Steven Grant; his third is cab driver Jake Lockley. He [illegible] goes by the name of Spector, believing that for all [illegible] and [illegible] from Marc Spector died in the deserts of Egypt, and that his true identity [illegible] Moon Knight ever [illegible]

[illegible] heroes have all had an [illegible] crisis from time to time. I'm confident [illegible] who I am, but I've still had to play Iron Man and Tony Stark as two different people in the past, and I've had at least three artificial [illegible] try to take my identity away from me. But for Moon Knight, I don't think the mask ever comes off. He's always playing a part, and he knows it, but this is how he likes it. It [illegible] to [illegible] how far gone he is, you'd fear him even [illegible]

Does his relationship with Khonshu upset me? Puhleeze. Although I'm a man of science, when you've spent most of your adult life with friends like Thor and Hercules, [illegible] begins to take more than [illegible] any theology. Marc Spector believes in Khonshu, and that belief is the only thing that keeps his sanity from [illegible] him. Maybe he never did meet Khonshu on the [illegible] one of the [illegible] personalities. Although I can't find any record of Spector undergoing [illegible] psychiatric treatment, I can assure you that [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible]

But Moon Knight has fallen on hard times as of late. [illegible] was hospitalized after a brutal [illegible] with freelance [illegible] Bill Bushman, and that [illegible] to have temporarily put him out of [illegible] with a pair of broken legs. If he is [illegible] out of the [illegible], then he has nothing to fear from the Registration Act. Hell, I don't even know whether to classify him as a superhuman or not; he's shown superhuman [illegible] that [illegible] in the past, but it was apparently a mystical power, and it doesn't always register on our [illegible], and we don't know if he still [illegible]

We have an unverified report that the Taskmaster (who has been reluctantly cooperating with us) [illegible] that Moon Knight has resumed [illegible] activity, and there's every reason to assume that it's still Spector under the hood. One way or another, we'll have to pay him a visit. He's been a team player in the past, so hopefully he'll act rationally and understand that the world is shifting. He's [illegible] out of a maverick, though, so he may resist. He needs to be aware that resistance would be a mistake, one that could cost him everything for which he's fought so hard. He has his company Spectorcorp to run, a social [illegible] like his pilot Marlene Alraune, as well as [illegible] enemies [illegible] and [illegible]. He won't want to [illegible] with us then [illegible] — his enemies [illegible]

I [illegible] that he would be amicable to [illegible] his former allies, but he does [illegible] in the superhero community. By and large, my [illegible] are [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] to deal with him. Regardless, I'm sure hunting [illegible] criminals is still rewarding to him. Maybe [illegible] should be [illegible]. If he won't play nice, [illegible] he'll sure to find [illegible] hide. I don't relish the thought of putting him back in the intensive [illegible] unit.

WANTED
by S.H.I.E.L.D.

MARC SPECTOR

ALIASES: MOON KNIGHT, STEVEN GRANT, JAKE LOCKLEY
BIRTHPLACE: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 225 LBS.
BUILD: MEDIUM
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: DARK BROWN
SEX: M
NATIONALITY: U.S.A.
AREA OF OPS: NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

KNOWN POWERS: POSSIBLY POSSESSES SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH DURING NIGHTS OF THE FULL MOON PHASE.

KNOWN EQUIPMENT: VARIOUS EDGED AND BLUNT WEAPONS; THROWING DARTS; NUNCHUKS, TRUNCHEON, ETC.

ALL SUSPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

NEW WARRIORS

Once upon a time there was a wealthy young man who, following his parents' demise, donned a suit of armor and, rebelling against every standard of responsible wisdom, put a costumed crimefighter spin on things by financing a team of superhuman champions to make the world a better place, only to finally meet his end in a cataclysmic battle that killed many of his friends and irreparably affected the others. And his name was Dwayne Taylor.

Getting off to a great start by zipping around on a motorcycle-based platform as odd as a unicycle, Taylor quickly moved to state-of-the-art armor that, like roller skate wheels on its boots, Taylor (a.k.a. Night Thrasher) set out to recruit three young superheroes: Arachne Jones (Firestar), Vance Astrovik (Marvel Boy, later Justice), and Nova (Richard Rider), late of a confrontation on the Sandworm Nova Corps. Taylor's blunt recruitment pitch was interrupted by the arrival of Terror the Tamer, whom he soon dispensed with the help of some others who happened upon the scene: Speedball (Robbie Baldwin) and Photonn (Debbie Harris), a pair of idiots. Taylor's crimefighting expanded its plans to include six total team, banded together by the need to defeat an awesome opponent, partly by accident, the New Warriors were born. Either unaware of or being overly concerned by the team's debut at the time because, after all, one or another of them knew all of them, really we? The Vision could vouch for Vance and Firestar, the Wasp (back when they occasionally talked to the rest of us) for Justice and others for Nova, even Cap for Speedball. The only stranger was Namorita, the odd young punk who wore her costume with cutouts on the shoulders and often confused women with a psychic power she never had.

With Dwayne's Taylor Foundation as financial backing and his girlfriend Silhouette as an occasional member, the Warriors fared well in their early battles with Fast Forward and Psionex, a con costume Fourth world goddess and Beast allowed himself recognition by the Sphinx (and they were the time before the Avengers ended up [illegible] to do that twice a year or [illegible]). Their feats were soon supplemented by former Avenger Wasp and future Avenger Darkhawk during the effort to prevent the release of extradimensional energy from the Well of All Things; it's sometimes hard to tell just how serious things are, but Doctor Strange asserts that they indeed saved the world from mystic chaos, and I'll take him at his word. The team faced tragedy as on the Secret Memories gang learned their secret identities and attacked their families, but the Warriors endured against Garthan Saal, the Terrorists, the Soldiers of Misfortune, and more. As with any team, members came and went, with periodic additions to the lineup via Firestar, Chamber, Bandit, Powerhouse, Turbo, Timeslip, Hobgoblin, and the Spider-Man. The team disbanded following their fight with Volx the Wraith Queen, only for Speedball to reorganize a few months later. Although Taylor declined, Nova, Namorita, and Turbo were [illegible] and they were quickly joined by Justice and Darkhawk. The second incarnation was brief, with perhaps their worst hour being their fight against Marvel Man rather, my once-mother-woman armor of the time), and even after adding Chamber and Slapstick to the roster, they eventually joined ways apart.

Meanwhile, Taylor turned his Taylor Industries' resources to cancer research and seemingly struck gold with Zachary Smith's work, but the positive results were unfortunately truly due to Smith's mutant son, Zachary Smith, and thus had no real value, severely damaging Taylor's finances, and reputation. The elder Smith died soon afterwards and Taylor's attention at his responsibilities in events, despite Smith's son. Unfortunately, it seems to have been the most productive period of his life. Publicly seeking to develop [illegible] to help reduce [illegible] to recoup some of the foundation's financial losses, and [illegible] in a relationship with his friends, Taylor reconstituted the New Warriors as a

touring "reality television show," traveling small-town America in search of menaces that had slipped off everyone else's radar. And much as I hate to admit it, on paper it wasn't a terrible idea — the astronomical number of superhuman criminals and the comparatively large failure rate in apprehending them makes a strong case for hero presence in areas of the country other than Manhattan on a provable need, and their sponsor, Ashley Brothers Pesticides, was prepared to endow everyone in every town the team visited, the kind of backing each Avengers member would normally receive. With the economy declining (as Microbe's layoff recruited Nova, Speedfreak, and Atlas), and for a while this latest Warrior set itself up for a strong Tiger Shark and Armadillo (two bad escapees who slipped through our net) in Illinois, the Sniper caper in Kansas, and Mad Trucker and ride in Minnesota, the last after the assorted gallons of nitroglycerine that were "added conflict" on the show (Deliberate "added conflict" to a paper route's life. Thanks, I'll help us.). However, after their Delaware defeat of the Carnivore (yet another Raft escapee, the only member of Carnivore's gang the Avengers missed), the show went on hiatus, again ostensibly the Warriors and Taylor into team-building, pretty much restoring him of the guilt he and Steve, myself, and a few other benevolent rich guys have managed to bounce back from that earlier failure. Taylor wouldn't.

Accurate all today, Taylor apparently persuaded the MBVU Network to give a second chance to [illegible] then Nova had been recalled by the Kree Empire, and Protis vanished to whatever he did to come from before, leaving Taylor with Microbe, Nitro (the [illegible] Speedfreak to arrange his [illegible] But a few months in the Midwest left them with few victories on their belts and worse ratings than before. To Taylor, it must've seemed like everything he touched in war to the [illegible]

So he did something really, really stupid. The way you do when men in armor fly

The team got word of still more Raft escapees — Cobalt Man (another villain permanently declared "dead"), Coldheart, Nitro, and Speedfreak — holed up in Speedfreak's home state of Connecticut, mere hours from an elementary school. I hardly need to go into detail here, as the whole world's seen the footage:

Taylor and Microbe were [illegible] of their element; this team was [illegible] little more than [illegible] team that had taken down Titania years ago. They shouldn't've pushed them. They almost did. Heat repeatedly tried to convince them that it wasn't enough they'd already saved so many lives so many times before. They needed the glory and devotion that only a nation's slack-jawed gawkers could give them. And they needed it NOW. They lingered, and they were spotted, and they were attacked. Three of the four members were taken down easily. Nitro fled. Microbe followed. Nitro struck [illegible]

And that was the end of the credibility of young man or woman who'd only wanted to change the world, and of the hero he'd felt obligated to protect, and of the two friends who'd years before had signed on to help him without even being asked. Once upon a time.

We know now that Microbe survived, possessing by his own [illegible] powers but not the other force-field heroes joke about "coming back from the dead." He is almost all agree it really a case of someone not having died in the first place. Like Bolt, Speedfreak, Cobalt Man, Nitro, and Microbe should be dead by [illegible] they'll stay dead, [illegible] the anniversary of Bombshell's death, but for what the Avengers' politics would've been three decades [illegible]

Bolt's death [illegible] many months ago, at the hands of Warrior X's Arsenic Zero. The Scarlet Spider had been murdered by Norman Osborn long before [illegible] and Atlas have dropped off the map, and the grapevine tells us that Bandit's in bed with some southern crime syndicate. Turbo and Darkhawk are on the west coast in some [illegible] intended to [illegible] superhuman teens from international combat. At least those last two are on the same page as we are, if not on the same [illegible] and they are [illegible] forming a bond between the world [illegible] Much less encouraging is Powerhouse's continuing New York adventures with his three siblings, all minors, at Power Pack [illegible] reports since his sister Julie [illegible] a member of Taylor's group across the country, but that's a riddle for another day.

The entire "New Warriors" — the name given to various people who've man[illegible] the team world only once or twice — has become synonymous with [illegible] arrogance and irresponsibility. I've seen the Acts of Vengeance backlash, anti-mutant [illegible] hate campaigns after another against my own two adopted names, but never anything like this. Timeslip and Debrii have already been mentioned for their former membership, but with the help of Spider-Man and myself, Justice and Night, honored Avengers alumni, had their referrals to trace a particularly [illegible] campaign to Hungarian teens, horrified at what his name had become, [illegible] with [illegible] Day [illegible] with the world wide web, "Justice" his teammates [illegible] registration had a chance to do it. Most of the team briefly [illegible] to [illegible] then, [illegible] disappear off the radar. I would [illegible] Dagger have joined Captain America's "Secret Avengers." Nova is on the run for refusing to register, and I'm also responsible, quitting the [illegible] and reveal her identity to the government. As for Nova, [illegible] of the team's founders, AFAIK he's still in space with the Corps, no doubt fighting alien threats even I'd have trouble imagining. I wish I could shake the feeling that I still owe [illegible] the luckiest Warrior left.

NITRO

It was only days ago that Nitro became [illegible] country's #1 killer of [illegible] heroes. Prior [illegible] in [illegible] out of custody for [illegible]. He was the man responsible for killing Mar-Vell of the [illegible] known as Captain Marvel, although he was hardly [illegible] the fact — he [illegible] dealt with Mar-Vell [illegible] a canister of nerve gas, and the cancer Mar-Vell [illegible] from exposure while sealing the gas [illegible] with his [illegible].

[illegible] powers [illegible] a gift to him from the Lunatic Legion, a faction of the [illegible] who were trying to [illegible] the [illegible]. The Lunatic Legion's [illegible] was a failure (just [illegible], given what [illegible] the Supreme Intelligence) [illegible] on his own people), and Nitro was [illegible] other patrons [illegible] it was that [illegible] became little more than a [illegible] criminal.

Tombstone. Thanos, [illegible] — Nitro has made numerous [illegible] with other villains, but they [illegible] see him as much more than a [illegible]. A pocket [illegible] pawn, but Nitro's [illegible] ambition kept him in line. [illegible] potential [illegible] wide scale destruction [illegible] [illegible], and [illegible] we are at least fortunate that [illegible] thought to [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] such a high level of carnage. Nitro's greatest weakness is his own [illegible] — the more he [illegible] the more fatigued he [illegible], until [illegible] cannot [illegible] enough concentration to set [illegible]. His powers have [illegible] a deteriorating [illegible] upon his mental condition, which is perhaps the only factor that has kept Nitro from taking full advantage of his [illegible]. Project: PEGASUS [illegible] him for a few years, and their containment [illegible] escape for [illegible] many months of [illegible]. He made [illegible] to get off-world and [illegible] and Kree allies, but to no avail. In my first clash with Nitro, I quickly discovered the [illegible] which could set off his [illegible] and [illegible] a systematic broadcast from my [illegible] disrupted the signal, [illegible] him to [illegible] repeatedly until he was [illegible] groggy to fight back. Broadcasting a [illegible] inhibitor around Nitro is [illegible], to keep him from using his powers, [illegible] the individual's [illegible] matches his own strength level.

[illegible]'s most recent [illegible] was at the [illegible], and he was among the army of convicts who made it past myself and the other Avengers. Recapturing [illegible] was a priority, but with so many [illegible] escapees to worry about, the [illegible] was swamped. I kept constant flags on Nitro and the others, and [illegible] only hope that when he did resurface, he could be brought in with a minimum of [illegible]. He luckily did resurface in Stamford, Connecticut alongside [illegible] super villains Cobalt Man, Coldheart, and [illegible], pawning for the New Warriors to lead an ill-conceived [illegible] strike on [illegible] fugitives [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

God, I wish I had killed him when I had the chance. Because of him over a hundred children are dead as well as three New Warriors. The New Warriors' leader [illegible] Thrasher looked up to me, he wanted to be a successful hero and businessman like I am. I should have brought him into my company years ago and established a protégé relationship like I now have with Tyler.

[illegible] At Wolverine's insistence, [illegible] to Big Bear, Oklahoma, where Nitro caused a [illegible] explosion that killed an [illegible]. But before Wolverine could find out who supplied Nitro with the Mutant Growth Hormone (MGH) that amplified his powers, Namor, Prince of Atlantis, [illegible] of Atlantean sleeper [illegible] transported Nitro to their undersea kingdom to face punishment for killing Namor's cousin, Namorita. Wolverine [illegible] me to [illegible] him [illegible] a suit of my Hydro-Armor so he could travel to the Atlantean [illegible] of New Pittsburgh and "negotiate" Nitro's release.

[illegible] the [illegible] that Nitro [illegible] operation, our [illegible] is to find out who [illegible] with the MGH [illegible] allowed him to [illegible] so much destruction in Stamford. Then I [illegible] temporary incarceration until [illegible] powers can be [illegible] permanently. I will let the courts [illegible] him after [illegible].

WANTED
by S.H.I.E.L.D.

ROBERT HUNTER

ALIASES: NITRO
BIRTHPLACE: SCRANTON, PA
HEIGHT: 6'3"
WEIGHT: 235 LBS.
BUILD: MEDIUM
HAIR: WHITE
EYES: BLUE
SEX: M
NATIONALITY: U.S.A.
AREA OF OPS: MOBILE, U.S.A.

KNOWN POWERS: EXPLODES ALL OR PORTIONS OF HIS BODY AND REINTEGRATES HIMSELF AFTER EACH EXPLOSION

KNOWN EQUIPMENT: NONE

ALL SUSPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

O*N*E

The Office of National Emergency (O*N*E) was largely the brainchild of Dr. Valerie Cooper, Presidential Advisor on Mutant Affairs and Commissioner of the Commission on Superhuman Activities. Dr. Cooper is well known for her tireless efforts to improve the nation's security measures against superhuman threats, with the existing Superhuman Response Squad (S.T.A.R.S.) already doing a fine job of apprehending superhuman criminals.

However, the O*N*E's other branch, P.A.C.T., is not as widely used to not only deter emerging international superhuman threats, specifically mutants. Rather than place this burden upon our superhuman community's already taxed forces, Dr. Cooper believes that ordinary men equipped with the most cutting-edge technology and armaments are available. I naturally disagree.

Dr. Cooper's alarming proposal was to employ Sentinels in the O*N*E. She's well aware of their shortcomings, and has finally devised a solution to solve the dreaded command overrides that Sentinel programs have ordinarily exhibited. The brainchild of Dr. Cooper's plan was yours truly — or rather, my company's resources. As the controller in hi-tech exoskeletons and powered armor, Dr. Cooper sought my expertise in retrofitting Sentinels into pilotable suits of armor.

As a humanist, of course, I relented. Even allowing for the rare human pilot who might go rogue in the field, these Sentinels are at least fifty times as reliable as the models first introduced by Bolivar Trask. But I did not take the proposal lightly. I still find myself reluctant to share my technology with others, having seen it misused time and again. But if I learned anything as Secretary of Defense, it's that if I don't provide America with the best weapons with which to defend itself, someone else will provide an inferior one.

I also considered the legacy of Bolivar Trask. He may have been a racist, but he never intended for the Sentinels to become the disloyal monsters that they are. Trask was a good friend of my father's, and part of me would like to help refurbish his legacy. Mankind may never be rid of the Sentinels, but at least we can prove that we are the masters of their technology, instead of vice versa.

My one condition with Dr. Cooper was that I would have final say on the pilot instructor, but my reluctance to do so was hardly needed. I don't speak to Rhodey much these days, but I still consider James Rhodes to be my best friend. He's gone through some tough times lately, but he had too much pride to ask me for help. I suspect that he knew that the opportunity to train the O*N*E would be another failure. He's a scientist, but no other man except myself has spent as much time in the battlesuit as Rhodey piloted most of my Iron Man armors at one point or another or that. Given his background with the U.S. Marines, it didn't take much convincing for Dr. Cooper to see that Jim was the right man for the job. I hope that he's finally found the best of both worlds — he gets to make a difference, defend his country, and not have to deal with that secret identity thing he hates so much.

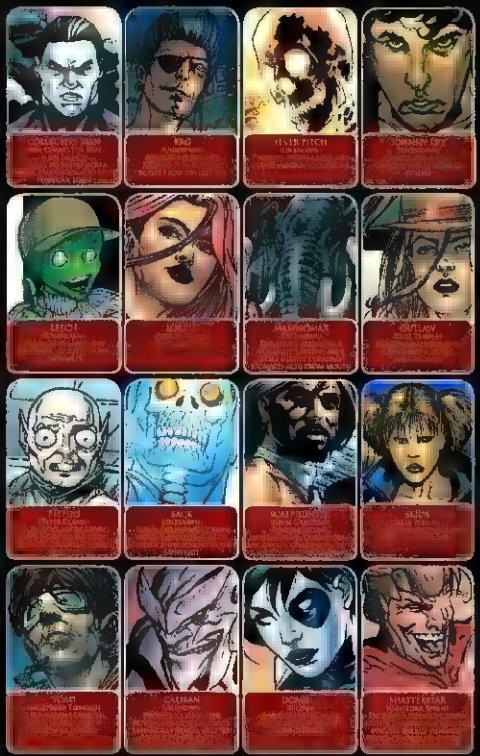
Unfortunately, it was decided by higher authorities that Dr. Cooper would not be the director of the O*N*E, and the position went to General Demetrius Lazer of the U.S. Armed Forces. I've dealt with Lazer in the past, and never found it easy to do so. He was a demanding client, to put it very way. Lazer is also a bigot, which is unfortunate because the O*N*E is best suited for outlaw mutants. Dr. Cooper should be the one running the show — she's proved her objectivity on and towards them time and again.

But I am glad that Dr. Cooper is finding her way to the front lines of the service — Rhodey and I cannot imagine Reyes, Marjorie Quinones, the Xavier Institute's assistant and hopeful eventually to be his sister, the mutant X-Man Cecilia Reyes. He's in the best possible place to achieve his goal.

So far Rhodey's pupils have done some fine field work, battling Hydra, the Savage Land Mutates, the "old" Sentinels, and the "Sentinels of the 198" at the Xavier Institute. Events in such close proximity to the X-Men has forced the squad into some precarious situations that could easily have been foreseen, from speculations to the Shi'ar Empire — and, unfortunately most of the squad have been criminally reprimanded for abandoning their units while engaged against Apocalypse. Nonetheless, production continues on new models of Sentinels as we continue to explore fashioning the best equipment for our forces in the field. Current Sentinel models are the Mark IV, Mark V, and Mark VI, as well as personal suits tailored such as "Crazy Train," "Mammoth," "Tiger," "Vanquish," and "Wet Machine" (what should've been Rhodey's suit, fighting when I showed him the color).

The O*N*E has successfully fulfilled its mission in the 198 and at the Xavier X-Men, with the X-Men's own Bishop overseeing the squad in the field. Meanwhile, General Lazer, from his office in the Pentagon, provides us with some excellent intelligence on the 198's whereabouts. I have the utmost confidence in the O*N*E to resolve the situation — it's time one less race for them to put me.

THE 198



M[illegible] balance between mutants and humans. Mutants were always a persecuted minority in just about [illegible] their numbers [illegible] by 9/10. As you can imagine, that [illegible] was once a [illegible] proposed by [illegible] to overtake humanity within [illegible] next 10 [illegible] years [illegible] been [illegible] to a [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] government's first [illegible] that [illegible] were [illegible] 198 [illegible] on the [illegible]. Although we've since determined that this was a low [illegible] nonetheless, the [illegible] has stuck. Although "the [illegible]" originally [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] population, the term has since [illegible] the media and the public and is now [illegible] to [illegible] who [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] Westchester, New York for temporary sanctuary from the outside world.

Mutants are in a precarious position [illegible] the terms [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the Stamford tragedy. The Stamford [illegible] Act requires all who [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] the government, regardless of whether they wish to [illegible] in super [illegible] or not. The [illegible] United States Committee on [illegible] Activities (U.S.C.A.) [illegible] already [illegible] [illegible] databank containing the records and powers of all known mutants, which was [illegible] to the U.S. Office of National Emergency (O.N.E.) [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

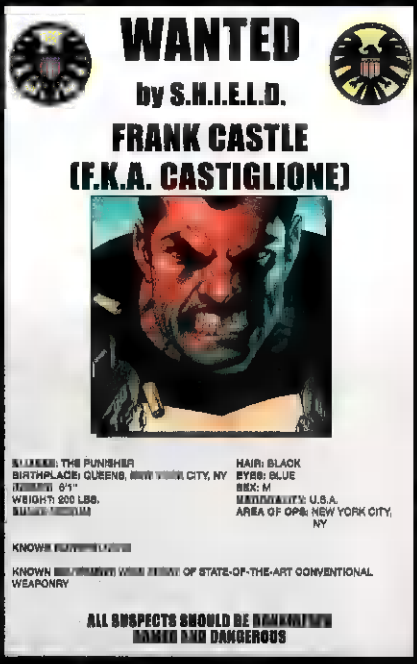
PUNISHER

Captain Frank Castle, [illegible] survivor of the [illegible], is a [illegible] in the U.S. Marines, [illegible] what I've read of his multiple tours in Southeast [illegible] for a [illegible] that I've been shown the [illegible] military could [illegible] about him. But [illegible] I have [illegible] raised in defense of American interests, I am not a soldier and it is not my [illegible] Castle's battlefield conduct. Some years later, his wife and [illegible] before [illegible] by gangland [illegible], and neither can I [illegible] the gun. Whatever the [illegible] than [illegible] the [illegible] murder of [illegible] alleged [illegible] manner of them U.S. citizens with no actual criminal [illegible] of them. I may have my say. I am under no illusion that the criminal [illegible] but I find no fault with the [illegible] of "innocent until proven guilty." [illegible] does not concern.

Although I have never met Castle myself, I have [illegible] of my new [illegible] about their interactions with him, and in [illegible] Spider-Man (who [illegible] far been the most emotionally [illegible] by his encounters with the vigilante) [illegible] a phrase that sums up the Original Avengers charter's [illegible] against [illegible] people by "people who live [illegible]." As I write this, I mentally [illegible] the full [illegible] of people once accused or convicted of [illegible] Hellcat, Hawkeye, [illegible], Scarlet Witch, Swordsman, Vision, Black Widow, Mantis, Moondragon, Jocasta, [illegible] and more. I suppose during their "criminal" [illegible] the Punisher would have killed any or all of them if he'd had the [illegible] and firepower. Nothing of it. Where would the Avengers be now? Where would the world be then?

As [illegible] I have no shortage of [illegible] on the man. As [illegible] he's [illegible] fought either against or [illegible] Spider-Man, Wolverine, Daredevil, Captain [illegible] and [illegible] risked his life to save innocents and taken pains to avoid killing any cooperative super hero (although Wolverine [illegible] they offered dissent on this point, and there [illegible] a number of [illegible] who [illegible] Castle has been sentenced to and escaped from Ryker's Island at [illegible] four times, a [illegible] record for [illegible] inmates. Needless to say, he is [illegible] by every [illegible] law-enforcement agency, despite occasional admiration by [illegible] and the system's restrictions [illegible] are fortunate enough to [illegible] being deemed "extra-legal" by them. His actions even warranted the formation of [illegible] (Vigilante Containment General Investigation and Enforcement Unit) whose mandate, as [illegible] somewhat echoes our current efforts, which at last [illegible] a [illegible] that [illegible] was once [illegible] punishment could be [illegible] without [illegible] framing [illegible] to prosecute for [illegible] that deed, but mere [illegible] was, before escaping [illegible] to nearly two thousand charges in New York alone, including [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] confirmed [illegible].

Although recently Castle has escalated his "war" on crime even further, with record-breaking body counts, he is paradoxically now [illegible] incarcerated in the world by any super hero [illegible] long after the [illegible] Riot breakout, both men got caught in a [illegible] war between Hammerhead and the Jackal. That one ended with [illegible] heavily, beaten and trapped in [illegible] kind of many prison [illegible] pressed into service to fill the [illegible] but soon [illegible] yet again. It's almost like [illegible] Castle, one where heroes can't [illegible] and he can't [illegible] from one to the other with ease. Recently [illegible] he [illegible] allowed himself to be [illegible] to observe Matt Murdock's [illegible] pending trial. However, Castle's already escaped yet again and is reportedly, [illegible] departure "[illegible]" altered [illegible] to [illegible] during the current crisis. Some people think Castle [illegible] to [illegible] things back to "normal," will end up joining Cap's side in an effort to derail [illegible] here [illegible] nation. I don't [illegible] that. I can't. Moondragon thought [illegible] I'm [illegible] feel [illegible] protecting people from [illegible] themselves. [illegible] when [illegible] leaves [illegible] wearing with an [illegible] more [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I can't even imagine. And who will [illegible] to punish for [illegible]?



QUICKSILVER

In retrospect, it should've sounded like a bad idea from the start: a team of [illegible] mutant terrorists recruited to protect humanity. Ridiculous, owing Magneto their lives after he rescued them from certain [illegible]. Pietro Maximoff and his sister Wanda had never been truly devoted to their father's Brotherhood of Evil Mutants or to his feud with the X-Men, so, like Rictor and the Scarlet Witch, they were permitted into the founding membership of the [illegible] leaving only Cannonball, the [illegible] first (and still best) post-formation recruit, to hold the fort. Either not knowing or, far more likely, not caring about anti-mutant sentiment, Cap unilaterally inducted [illegible] into the Avengers, along with [illegible] former reluctant opponent Hawkeye and [illegible] Quicksilver [illegible] public's hearts in [illegible] Over the years, as members returned and left [illegible] proved a valued (if occasionally erratic) teammate, but a wedge only existed [illegible] him and Wanda when [illegible] fell in love with the Vision. Pietro ultimately [illegible] the team to marry Crystal, [illegible] of the Inhumans, who [illegible] daughter, Luna.

[illegible] in a territory where he was [illegible] operations among humanity. [illegible] forces banded [illegible] Avengers their limited reality, but since the Inhumans [illegible] this only [illegible] Eventually, [illegible] when a neglected [illegible] began an affair with Wanda [illegible] Vision. Mentally influenced by Maximus, Pietro snapped and, unable to face his own failings, projected [illegible] the Avengers, leading the android [illegible] against Crystal's former lover, the Human Torch. [illegible] regained [illegible] in the Avengers West Coast branch, [illegible]

[illegible] took over leadership of [illegible] of [illegible], but [illegible] drifted [illegible] he [illegible] role in Magneto's Counter-[illegible] keep his father's [illegible] intentions were good, renewing his association with [illegible] infamous mutant terrorist was his unwisest move to date. Luckily, Wanda was [illegible] day [illegible] Sentinels nearly [illegible] its [illegible] and he again [illegible] and the Avengers.

[illegible] Wanda's insanity took on the [illegible] alternate [illegible] he [illegible] find [illegible] near [illegible] and Magneto [illegible] driven [illegible] into insanity. And it's [illegible] didn't earn this time) Pietro [illegible] to alter reality into what we now call the "House of M," where Magneto and his children reigned as [illegible] a mutant-dominated world and some Avengers remained heroes while others were outlaws [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

RUNAWAYS

C… a West … really even fully aware of them during my time … Angeles … I chalked them … the Runaways symbolize … I … to … end to. … and more … a little lucky. Quite frankly, I'm surprised it … like … it.

We … about the Pride … have uncovered … me more than a fifth … A group of twelve … on handing … over to an … ancient … as … When their children learned of their heritage … and … and apparently … but not before the … Wilder, … Wilder … nervous … left him dead – a … not … vote … because of … to be … The … Act went into … they lost … Yorkes.

… on our own … by the X-Men, and … the age of … Runaways … Young Avengers … teams … to … of … the … Minerva … a human and … (… how … a little magic), she … … and very … of us. The rest of the … look … … we … the … will follow.

Chase … I'm not as familiar with Chase … I am with his … The … were well-regarded … several … … for some of … Chase … to have inherited their love of … and is … the … of the team. When they … he was armed with nothing … … …

Old … As … tell from … on this … Old … was named by the late Gertrude … … had … the … Arsenic) by … related … … … up the … … it in a … of mine, but … broke it … It has some sort … … to its owner, originally Yorkes and now Stein. … … … … … if not … that look. … out, and we have … a mystery.

… Runaway, … she may … and … of the … Her … lack of … worst … How much … girl her … … … and? … longer … immaturity … real damage … to?

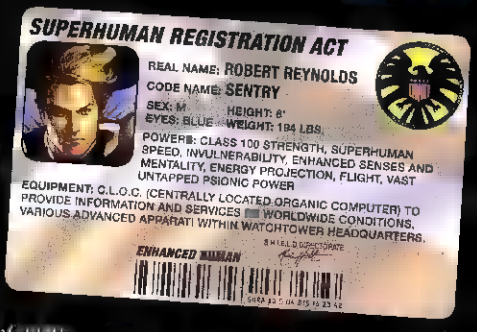
Victor … A human/robot hybrid … by Ultron for, I'm … … (for … … … … a ticking time-bomb. It's … … … … never … …

Karolina Dean — … … … have an … … … … Williams … Marvel … … … … … which … is starred. … an alien … … I'm not … … … … … have more information on her … of origin. Our records … that … … … … … returned recently.

… — … … … … …

SENTRY

Over a decade ago, Tom Brevoort, astronomy major mutated by cosmic rays and radiation to become the Fantastic Four, I promised it is time to ask what could be the "Age of Heroes" that continues to evolve around us. Every era has its heroes, costumed or not, superhuman or otherwise, as society responds in its own way as it always will. Yet even if we accept such [illegible] the fact that we're surrounded by another superhuman perhaps [illegible] ...when we can [illegible]



The Sentry's story started [illegible] back in 1947 when [illegible] Weapon X and [illegible] of the U.S. Operation: Rebirth [illegible] to become Project: Sentry, an [illegible] to not only [illegible] the super-soldier serum but in [illegible] magnify its effects thousands of times. Unfortunately, within [illegible] years it had [illegible] nearly a thousandfold [illegible] with his work [illegible] to private contractors [illegible] research into [illegible] Presently, where all of its resources, [illegible] the location [illegible] might have been, and where they ultimately [illegible] been almost impossible to learn but, unfortunately, only too easy to imagine.

Perhaps twenty years ago, Robert Reynolds, a gifted but erratic student, [illegible] from [illegible] of his science instructors as part of humanity's [illegible] quest for the ultimate high. That experiment was the culmination of decades of [illegible] Project: Sentry, completely kept in a public [illegible] school, for God's sake. Bob [illegible] the [illegible] gained powers compared to "exploding suns" (whatever that means in this context). Project: Sentry appalled at [illegible] experimentation had attempted [illegible] to [illegible] test his powers at their [illegible]. But they couldn't contain him [illegible], nor his desire to put his powers to good use, and Sentry debuted to [illegible] a world that [illegible] almost [illegible] superhuman samaritans. When the Fantastic Four appeared [illegible] years [illegible] followed by Spider-Man, Thor, and others (including myself), the decade became a watershed [illegible] initially in most of us. Or so I hear. More [illegible] [illegible] the Void, [illegible] and [illegible] villainous as the Sentry is [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] proving [illegible] Abomination [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] apparently [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

S.H.I.E.L.D.

When the formation of the [redacted] International [redacted] Law-enforcement Division was proposed, I was only months away from [redacted] activities and could [redacted] the [redacted] my [redacted] Headed by Nick Fury, honored veteran of every war of over a half century, it has provided [redacted] among many valuable intelligence and resources during the Iron Cold War and other crises to a ready supply of Life Model Decoys to [redacted] dupe/conquer. Awkwardly at cloak/dagger to see me back into the [redacted] between protocol a little grating at times — [redacted] when a trio of [redacted] attempted a [redacted] takeover via my [redacted] — but on such a formidable organization, it's a testimony to Nick [redacted] that there has been as little [redacted] as there has.

Since its decimation by the renegade android Deltites and Nick's [redacted] single-handed reconstruction of it as the [redacted] Hazard Intervention [redacted] Logistics Directorate (never quite understood what was [redacted] with [redacted] the first [redacted] from Deltite control following [redacted] chain of [redacted] times, [redacted] at present is a [redacted] Nations-sanctioned organization with [redacted] offices in Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Great Britain, [redacted], Germany, Italy, India, Bangladesh, Republic of the Congo and elsewhere, although Fiji of course most [redacted] with its U.S. operations. Many of Nick's most valued operatives — including Sharon [redacted], Valentina de Fontaine, Dum Dum Dugan, Gail Kincaid, Jasper Sitwell, Derek Khanata, and Jimmy Woo — are veterans of the International Espionage version, and newcomers like Daisy Johnson (a.k.a. Quake), have equally proven themselves.

In both [redacted] S.H.I.E.L.D. has been at the forefront of [redacted] against terrorist threats like A.I.M., the Corporation, Hydra, H.A.M.M.E.R., the Secret [redacted], U.L.T.I.M.A.T.U.M., the Zodiac, and an alphabet soup of others, including [redacted] incursions by [redacted] likes of Baron Karza and the Dire Wraiths. While Fury's leadership has forced his fighting forces into a match for any [redacted] threat, S.H.I.E.L.D. has also outfitted at least four incarnations of Super-Agent units, including the Fate Agents and Zero Company. It has mixed volunteer and manipulative recruitment for covert deployment of the Redeemers and the [redacted] Commandos, but it more often than not employs non-powered operatives with [redacted] technological equipment — the Mandroids (who have [redacted] down for Avengers more than once), the Harriers, the Quinjet crew, and Silverjet, among others. [redacted] ESPer Division, although [redacted] for intelligence needs, has proven less than effective in [redacted].

S.H.I.E.L.D. has less successful other government programs of [redacted] nature. Aside from the rarely reliable [redacted] present revamped as the [redacted] of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s [redacted] task forces oriented to superhuman threats have included Division U, the Committee, the [redacted], Omega Strike, the Paranormal Law Enforcement Team (P.L.E.T.). They couldn't think of something like Supernatural Containment Agency, Team X, S.U.P.E.R., the Unicorn Police, and V.I.G.I.L., all of which used various advanced [redacted] but employed no uniquely powerful agents. Another [redacted] possibility is the authorization of mutant operatives, [redacted] Freedom Force, Val Cooper's X-Factor, and even (heaven help us) [redacted]. The most [redacted] — and repellent — such effort was Malcolm Colcord's incarnation of Weapon X, whose crimes are only being uncovered.

Currently there has been [redacted] of attempts to mutate, [redacted] or otherwise [redacted] non-mutant government operatives: Rush Rangers, Cold Warriors, Deathweb, [redacted], Shadowforce, the list goes on, as does a long [redacted] of [redacted] — Armageddon, Assassins Guild, Brotherhood, Eyewire, Glimpse Brigade, Uber Tech, and others — [redacted] Facilities, Projects, Programs, etc. With [redacted] names and [redacted] agendas. However, almost none of these [redacted] have employed pre-established experienced super heroes active on a strictly volunteer basis; some have used [redacted] extortion to force superhumans into [redacted], a tactic that has failed almost as costly [redacted] as it has been tried, and solo [redacted] such as Warhawk, Stonecutter, Night Terror, and the recently deceased Chilliast have a [redacted] tendency to go [redacted]. There at this time no government-sponsored [redacted] which consistently [redacted] an unimpeachable [redacted] that the end to super-hero operations might justify resolve.

[redacted] S.H.I.E.L.D. [redacted], such as the [redacted] "Secret War," have grown increasingly erratic. Although Nick Fury has been at the forefront of some of these [redacted] the [redacted] and [redacted] as the [redacted] Captain [redacted] Natasha "Black Widow" Belova, are the [redacted] of Agent Maria Hill, currently promoted to [redacted] during one of Fury's longer and less [redacted] absences. Hill is, at least, an enthusiastic proponent of registration and has put her and her squad of "Cape-busters" at the [redacted] S.H.I.E.L.D.'s PR people were the first to follow Nick out the door) on my side for now.

SHE-HULK

Ever[illegible] knows [illegible] a familial link between the Hulk and [illegible]. What's less well known is that Jennifer [illegible] father is a [illegible] Los Angeles County Sheriff, meaning that she grew up with a [illegible] respect for the [illegible] [illegible] powder, why she became [illegible] which led to [illegible] powered heroine she is today. A [illegible] she [illegible] Lou Monkton, [illegible] framed by [illegible] rival, gangster Nick Trask; Jen started a rumor she had [illegible] of Trask's [illegible] to rattle [illegible]. It [illegible] too well, [illegible] Trask arranged a [illegible] assassination. Jen would [illegible] been a witness, giving [illegible] blood transfusion and calling the police [illegible] he fled. Trask's [illegible] the surprise [illegible] when they made another [illegible] on Jen in the [illegible] along with his [illegible]. Bruce had also shared his curse.

SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT

REAL NAME: JENNIFER WALTERS
CODE NAME: SHE-HULK

SEX: [illegible]
EYES: GREEN
HEIGHT: 6'7" (AS SHE-HULK); 5'10" (AS WALTERS)
WEIGHT: 700 LBS (AS SHE-HULK); 145 LBS (AS WALTERS)

EQUIPMENT: CLASS 100 STRENGTH; SUPERHUMAN RESISTANCE TO INJURY AND REGENERATION.

ENHANCED [illegible]

Except that [illegible] Jen, becoming a green [illegible] wasn't such a [illegible] It doesn't seem to have the deep routed psychological [illegible] from which Bruce suffered, and despite the transformation following the standard gamma-pattern of extreme inhibitions, Jen soon [illegible] of her new abilities. There was a brief [illegible] in the early days when she was considered a public menace, with her own father leading the hunt for the She-Hulk when he wrongly believed she'd murdered his client. I think it took [illegible] for each [illegible] to be wrongly accused of murder at least once in their career. Anyway, by that had to be when I first encountered her, pounding our [illegible] training was a fight rather than the candlelit dinner I prefer when [illegible] women. It came in the West Coast [illegible] for a missing employee, Jacob [illegible], only for it to [illegible] he'd been murdered by the She-Hulk. I made the same [illegible] as the others had, that [illegible] was a [illegible] [illegible] the Hulk, but she [illegible] me straight. [illegible] my first meeting with Jen's alter ego was equally [illegible] as she'd [illegible] Tony Stark for supplying [illegible] weapons to Trask. We eventually learned Trask had stolen the weapons, and that the killer "She-Hulk" was a robot I'd designed years earlier painted green and wearing a wig.

[illegible] proud [illegible] of her transformations, and decided she preferred being big and green, [illegible] abandoning her human [illegible]. When convinced her to join the [illegible] during one of our [illegible] [illegible], she soon proved her worth when Egghead's Masters of Evil attacked us, taking down their [illegible] [illegible] and Tiger Shark while dressed in her undergarments. She continued to serve with distinction when the Avengers [illegible] the Fomor, rescued the President from [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] from the Lava Men, and saved Jessica Drew from Morgan le Fey. I'd left the group during one of my [illegible] with alcoholism when the Avengers and several other heroes were snatched to the Beyonder's [illegible], and when they returned Jen had married [illegible] from the Fantastic Four, eventually becoming their longest [illegible] [illegible]. Worried about her (at one time) [illegible] [illegible] to the Hulk, the President chose this [illegible] to order S.H.I.E.L.D. to pick her up for analysis. Unfortunately, along with Jen he also snatched a drifter infected with some kind of "Cockroach [illegible]." [illegible] to the [illegible] of a helicarrier; Jen prevented a [illegible] disaster by shutting down the carrier's [illegible], but lost the ability to become human for a while after that.

After leaving the Fantastic Four, Jen went back into law, working for New York District Attorney Blake Tower for a period. After that she's briefly joined Fantastic Force and Heroes for Hire, had a couple of [illegible] [illegible] with Avengers, and is currently working for the law firm Goodman, Goodman, Lieber and Hellerstein. She's [illegible] one of the good guys, she's pro-registration, seeing the need for [illegible] to be held accountable for their actions, but I do have some concerns. Following Bruce, there's been recent signs of mental instability during her time working for lawyers, she's sometimes spotted talking to an unseen [illegible], and the old me he met with Claus! Layered factors have twice led to her [illegible] into the Hulk. The first time [illegible] [illegible] Bone, Idaho; the second she [illegible] [illegible] Britain (Kelsey Leitheuser Lionheart) and [illegible] upon the [illegible]. While [illegible] occasion [illegible] her [illegible] the possibility [illegible] that she could become a threat to her [illegible] client, which she supports registration, it became clear during her recent "New Warriors v. Stamp Enterprises" court case that she doesn't fully agree with how it is being implemented — she has been heard on [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

SPEEDBALL

It [illegible] networks: who'd have [illegible] that the [illegible] who [illegible] set the stage for the [illegible] Connecticut to say [illegible] of current superhuman [illegible] Stamford's [illegible] city ordinances [illegible] costumed vigilantes [illegible] I was born?

A few years ago, fortune [illegible] than it's been of late, a high school intern [illegible] Hammond Research Lab, [illegible] in a burst of extradimensional [illegible] of an unsuccessful attempt to [illegible] it. The [illegible] Robert a bolt-[illegible] that enabled him to absorb any [illegible] with a will of its own. The [illegible] clothing, possibly [illegible] but flopped on the [illegible] that the field [illegible] for all intents and purposes, a [illegible]

To his credit — no one [illegible] and [illegible] Robert used his powers to fight local [illegible] as Speedball, he [illegible] sociologist could predict. Apparently a [illegible] ordinance [illegible] criminals already breaking the law anyway, [illegible] costumed [illegible] personas: [illegible] Harlequin [illegible] the Sticker, the [illegible] but, unlike [illegible] laughable but [illegible] deadly than more [illegible] criminals who [illegible] wanted posters [illegible] A few evolved low-level [illegible] via mutation or [illegible] minor talents that [illegible] humans and [illegible] law enforcement, and Speedball readily [illegible] town's [illegible] particularly by [illegible] Attorney Jason Baldwin and [illegible] Maddie [illegible]

After a few months of such [illegible] the [illegible] wonder (or [illegible]) cockily [illegible] Avengers [illegible] Mansion. Cautiously, and [illegible] Knight, but soon [illegible] up to Captain [illegible] Speedball [illegible] his [illegible] heroics [illegible] a [illegible] Manhattan. Soon until, during a later visit to [illegible] Yard, he inadvertently [illegible] action [illegible] Firestar, Nova, and [illegible] fighting the recently [illegible] Terrax the Tamer. The New Warriors were born from that [illegible] and, even afterward, Robert, [illegible] given pause by the [illegible] menaces like Doom and Terrax could cause, interned [illegible] at Triskelion Center, where he [illegible] heroics in their extranormal [illegible] watch. Perhaps this gave him an [illegible] notion of how [illegible] could, in so many words, [illegible] from [illegible] that [illegible] it was the worst lesson he could have learned.

[illegible] briefly replaced on [illegible] by a futuristic doppleganger, Adrian [illegible] the most enthusiastic of the New Warriors, and when the team eventually disbanded, it was [illegible] it several times. After the [illegible] Speedball [illegible] for [illegible] as a [illegible] working [illegible] the NYPD in [illegible] Hormone ring, as [illegible] the Cable/Deadpool [illegible] Prior to [illegible] Thrasher's [illegible] "reality show" [illegible] of the [illegible] showing [illegible] the [illegible] Girl, a [illegible] young mutant who [illegible] for guidance [illegible] with her [illegible] and [illegible] thanks to me) [illegible] the Great [illegible] Destroyer, who were first in line to [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] the world [illegible] Speedball [illegible] the epicenter of the [illegible] disaster, [illegible] it was [illegible] [illegible] and ratings obsession, the arrogant presumptions [illegible] could be controlled, that nothing could hurt [illegible] that [illegible] turned [illegible] back, that sparked the [illegible] nothing in Nitro's fatal detonation. At first [illegible] to have perished along with his teammates, Speedball was singled out as the greatest scapegoat and clown among the deceased [illegible] thanks to [illegible] video footage of his [illegible] decision. When [illegible] emerged alive in [illegible] New York, having [illegible] [illegible] via the [illegible] [illegible] of his [illegible] mind, he was left not only powerless but friendless. According to [illegible] he [illegible] [illegible] registered S.H.I.E.L.D. agent, the only option [illegible] him [illegible] this time. Currently [illegible] the time in a [illegible] prison [illegible], [illegible] from the clownish [illegible] [illegible] I will bend him to [illegible] his situation.

WANTED
by S.H.I.E.L.D.

ROBERT "ROBBIE" BALDWIN

CAPTURED

ALIASES: SPEEDBALL
BIRTHPLACE: SPRINGDALE, CT
HEIGHT: 5'8"
WEIGHT: 140 LBS.
BUILD: MEDIUM
HAIR: BLONDE
EYES: BLUE
SEX: M
NATIONALITY: U.S.A.
AREA OF OPS: MOBILE, U.S.A.

KNOWN POWERS: [illegible] KINETIC ENERGY FIELD [illegible] IMPACT AND [illegible] BLOWS IN COMBAT

[illegible] EQUIPMENT: NONE

ALL SUSPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND [illegible]

SPIDER-MAN

SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT
REAL NAME: PETER BENJAMIN PARKER
CODE NAME: SPIDER-MAN
SEX: M
HT: 6'10"
EYES: HAZEL
WT: 167 lbs.
POWERS: CLASS 15 STRENGTH, SUPERHUMAN AGILITY, REFLEXES, ENDURANCE, AND HEALING; ADHESIVE SKIN; ORGANIC WEB SECRETION; NIGHT VISION; TWIN RETRACTABLE FOREARM STINGERS. EQUIPMENT: LIGHTWEIGHT BULLETPROOF ARMOR WITH LIQUID METAL NANOFIBERS FOR APPEARANCE ALTERATION, AUDIO/VISUAL AMPLIFICATION, GPS, EMP/POLICE SCANNERS, RETRACTABLE GLIDER, 3 MECHANICAL WALDO ARMS, AIR PURIFYING FILTRATION, MECHAGILL UNDERWATER BREATHING MEMBRANE.
SKULL AND DIRECTORATE
ENHANCED HUMAN

Peter Parker is [illegible] one of the most decent [illegible] I have ever met. I think the [illegible] first I [illegible] him, [illegible] Daily [illegible] ridiculously [illegible] him [illegible]. We've [illegible] several [illegible] over the years, traveling [illegible] the [illegible], the Tomorrow Man, tackling [illegible], and the Wraith — even facing [illegible] threats [illegible] Thanos and the Beyonder when he came to Earth. But [illegible] recently, that I began [illegible] to become close friends with the man beneath the mask.

Peter's parents were government spies, double agents who were killed under the direction of the Red Skull once they were [illegible]. Raised by his [illegible], Peter excelled academically, specializing in science. A bite from an [illegible] at a science exhibit [illegible] a freaky [illegible] metamorphosis granting him superhuman abilities. (Peter has recently been questioning if the [illegible] exploited by [illegible] or [illegible] from [illegible] sources.) Using his superb [illegible], he fashioned a pair of artificial [illegible] and [illegible] for covert [illegible]. Through his [illegible], Peter met his [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible], the murder of his uncle, Ben [illegible], motivated him to use his powers with responsibility for the public good upon realizing he could have prevented his uncle's murderer.

We first met when he was just an [illegible] brash teenager. I [illegible] test to see if he was worthy of Avengers membership. Peter failed to lure the [illegible] to [illegible], but appeared to take the [illegible] to heart. Over the years, I've watched him mature, while he accumulated the enmity of many criminals, [illegible], some loans, and [illegible]. His primary [illegible] have been against the [illegible] Electro, [illegible] the Vulture, the [illegible], the Sandman, the [illegible], Rhino, Mysterio, the [illegible], the Kingpin, Venom, Hobgoblin and worst of all, Norman [illegible] Green Goblin. This man seduced and killed Peter's first love; attempted to kill Peter's wife, Mary Jane; [illegible] an elaborate [illegible] involving Peter's [illegible]; buried Peter's beloved aunt alive; and possibly caused Mary Jane to miscarry their first [illegible]—and yet somehow Peter [illegible] Osborn with a [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] to quip and [illegible] when [illegible]. I had hoped Spider-Man's role as an active Avenger would help the world see him for the hero he is, but the public is slow to change (and Avengers PR still needs some work). He may not be a power-house, but whenever I think of the [illegible] of the world, Spider-Man is always on the [illegible] with the Avengers.

Despite [illegible] selfless [illegible] of heroism, Spider-Man has [illegible] [illegible] by the public and the law; because of his mask, he has been [illegible] by Daily Bugle's smear campaign in the Daily Bugle, and [illegible] of burglary and murder. Peter was unjustly convicted of [illegible] committed by one of his corrupted clones, [illegible], but was later cleared of all charges. I [illegible] can use Peter's [illegible] to help Spider-Man's [illegible] public [illegible].

His greatest weakness is his own self-[illegible]. He is a brilliant [illegible] and an [illegible] hero. He has yet to embrace his full [illegible]. I've tried to whet his [illegible] with a new [illegible] (and [illegible] costume. I thought it would be [illegible] him at day and night. While I've been studying his movements and superhuman abilities through the [illegible]'s [illegible], I've become [illegible] utilization of the suit and [illegible] [illegible]. He keeps [illegible] [illegible]. Perhaps he has trouble [illegible] with his attention [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I've come to [illegible] him as my protégé, and he in turn has [illegible] me to [illegible] as demonstrated by his [illegible]. He [illegible] I've convinced to go public and show the world we are [illegible] accountable for our [illegible]. In return, he and his family have my protection and support. Yet as we begin these unfortunate confrontations with our former [illegible], I fear Peter's [illegible] heart may obstruct his equally [illegible] investigation. His recent [illegible] [illegible] makes me a bit nervous. It was [illegible] when Commander Hill had S.H.I.E.L.D.'s Psi-Lo [illegible] his mind to extract the information about the House of M. Though I [illegible] want that information given to Hill, in retrospect, it [illegible] against the [illegible]. I'm [illegible] we need to be [illegible] with the government. A virtuous [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as if [illegible] were [illegible] in their every move. I hope Peter has the resolve to accept that the world is [illegible] [illegible] demands pruning of old ways in order to grow and evolve or else the whole [illegible], will wither.

Ironically, I still have a long way to go before I fully earn Peter's trust. He [illegible] to trust me, but there are still [illegible] aspects of his life and his [illegible] that he [illegible] me from. For instance, I wasn't told his [illegible] [illegible] started [illegible] me with [illegible] [illegible] feedback after I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] early warning precognition that warned him of [illegible] before they became apparent to the ordinary [illegible].

THING

A [illegible] valuable asset, [illegible] to the [illegible] hero, a friend and [illegible] to those who know him, though the [illegible] fear of his monstrous [illegible] means we can't use him in [illegible] his [illegible] should help soothe the uncertainty of [illegible] heroes inclined to resist, and should [illegible] in some of those on the [illegible].

Grimm, a New York native, [illegible] high school and [illegible]. He was raised on the [illegible], coming from a [illegible] family. He eventually grew [illegible] to learn that the police weren't just there to let in rain. Ben [illegible] he enlisted in the Air Force to channel his love of [illegible] and [illegible] out of it. He advanced degree [illegible] two on Uncle Sam's dime. He flew military missions before [illegible] as a test pilot for a number of experimental and highly risky aircraft — the kind [illegible] probably crashed [illegible] planes. I've [illegible], I've [illegible] as a [illegible] and his [illegible] brought him to the Pentagon's attention and [illegible] S.H.I.E.L.D. used him as a pilot for a number of [illegible] missions, many of which even I can't get the details on. However, his rough and [illegible] attitude rubbed many [illegible] the wrong way, [illegible] with the fact that he only really wanted to be limited by [illegible] and left him on the outside when looking at spaceflight [illegible]. [illegible] old college buddy Reed Richards [illegible] Fantastic Four. [illegible] Ben [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THUNDERBOLTS

The Thunderbolts are [illegible] from Masters of Evil, [illegible] teams [illegible] together to [illegible] the Avengers, [illegible] with Baron [illegible] Zemo. [illegible]'s son Helmut [illegible] the [illegible] as a [illegible] of the heroes who [illegible] deceive the [illegible] into trusting them, then turn on all of us at the right moment. Since the [illegible] of that plan the team has continued [illegible] seek [illegible]. To the [illegible] Zemo [illegible] an ally of the C.S.A., and I find myself increasingly turning [illegible] somewhat [illegible] has [illegible] an [illegible] of support [illegible] with [illegible] control [illegible] behavior and [illegible] them to assist in [illegible] up dissidents. I have [illegible] the [illegible] community largely under Zemo's care. I think [illegible] Cap just a [illegible] much.

The [illegible] lineup of the [illegible] includes:

Helmut, [illegible] Baron Zemo: He says he's [illegible] with his [illegible] and finally he's [illegible] playing [illegible] up as a misunderstood hero. I wonder [illegible] he's [illegible] himself again; [illegible] He deceived the world [illegible] he was a hero [illegible] before, I [illegible] he can [illegible] again.

Ajaxis: a renegade [illegible] from Subterranea. For crimes [illegible] on American soil, he wound up in [illegible] what a [illegible] thinks of the crisis our country is currently embroiled in, but he [illegible] willing to serve Zemo.

[illegible] (Peter Van Zant): Originally called the [illegible], Van Zant has [illegible] low-rent [illegible] most [illegible].

Atlas (Erik Josten): A failure many times over. Josten [illegible] yet [illegible] of himself as a [illegible] but he [illegible] found to Zemo, even [illegible] has [illegible]. He's been characterized [illegible] when [illegible] orders, but not make [illegible]. [illegible] pity that [illegible] had better role models to [illegible].

[illegible] Brigade — Batroc [illegible] (Mariano [illegible] & Zaran the [illegible] Master (Maximilian Zaran): Batroc's [illegible] is his savate [illegible] skills; [illegible] to his [illegible] and multi-purpose [illegible] this [illegible] the [illegible] brother, following in [illegible] footsteps of Ferdinand [illegible] by the [illegible] [illegible] (killed by [illegible] and he [illegible] the same short blades his brothers favored.

[illegible] Beetles (identities [illegible] by New Jersey Supreme Court): A [illegible] of college students who [illegible] Beetle [illegible] had been in [illegible] custody. [illegible] complete novices, [illegible] for the [illegible] mentoring. All of these Beetle [illegible] [illegible] versatility, but [illegible] most raw power by [illegible].

[illegible] & [illegible] (real identities unknown): A pair of S&M [illegible] Scarlotti, who used [illegible] at Blacklash and Whiplash before them. [illegible] whips are based [illegible], enabling them to generate electrical current on ensnared targets. These two make [illegible] Persuasions look wholesome.

[illegible] Noticed [illegible] but [illegible] assertive enough [illegible] make [illegible]. All the [illegible] he's learning to master the full range of the suit's [illegible] He might make [illegible]

[illegible] He doesn't [illegible] much going for him past his trick boomerangs. He [illegible] out of business recently when some rival [illegible] right arm and set [illegible] on [illegible] him up with braces to [illegible]

Doctor [illegible] (Otto Octavius): One [illegible] foes of Spider-Man, [illegible] can be [illegible] to chafe under [illegible] leadership, being [illegible] teams. If he [illegible] any ulterior motives, he [illegible] worth his weight in gold.

[illegible] (Edward [illegible]): Since inheriting [illegible] electricity-generating suit [illegible] Eel, [illegible] the Eel has [illegible] made [illegible]

The [illegible] — [illegible] (Ronald Bloch) & [illegible] "Snake" Marston: These two [illegible] (but not superhuman) talents; Ox has [illegible] muscles, and [illegible] contortionist; they [illegible]

[illegible] Norbert Ebersol): He's Zemo's greatest asset, [illegible] he's [illegible] genius to rival even yours[illegible], but has no real ambition [illegible] Fury is the backbone [illegible] Thunderbolts, but [illegible] also [illegible] one most likely to walk out when things [illegible] good, but [illegible] right incentive, [illegible] a [illegible]

[illegible] Folding Circle — Bloodstrike [illegible] (Conrad Mack): Two of the teens whose [illegible] are drawn from [illegible] Well of All Things. They were [illegible] out in [illegible] but it [illegible] there's nowhere too far for [illegible] Zemo's reach.

Joystick (Janice [illegible]): An adrenaline [illegible] unconcerned with [illegible] kind [illegible] and only [illegible] for [illegible] she can test [illegible] She's like a [illegible] athletic, [illegible] version of [illegible] I'll [illegible] to scrub [illegible] image.

[illegible] Maddicks): [illegible] recovered [illegible] at the hands [illegible] own tech [illegible] the [illegible] is a simple [illegible]

MACH-4 (Abner [illegible] Beetle. Jenkins [illegible] to [illegible] most [illegible] about [illegible] desire [illegible] and I would sleep [illegible] he [illegible] the show [illegible] of [illegible] Jenkins has come [illegible] these past [illegible] it wouldn't [illegible] for him to [illegible]

[illegible] Te[illegible] from [illegible] by [illegible] High Evolutionary, the Mongoose [illegible] of the less noble New Men. He [illegible], but is most noted [illegible] superhuman speed.

Moonstone (Karla Sofen): Dr. Sofen is [illegible] comatose, but still able to [illegible] guidance [illegible] moonstones. When the real [illegible] Sofen returns, [illegible] in [illegible] new [illegible]

Over-Mind [illegible] of Aegypt, one of the [illegible] known extraterrestrial Eternals, Over-Mind's vast [illegible] made [illegible] a useful pawn of the Purple Man in [illegible] the population of New York. I don't know [illegible] or a leash, but at least [illegible] been [illegible] world conquering [illegible] years now.

[illegible] Before [illegible] death, [illegible] made a deal with the Secret Empire to [illegible] his [illegible] for their agents. Apparently, one of the units made it's way into the black market, where it wound [illegible] with this [illegible].

Primus: An artificial man made by Armin Zola. Primus is a physical analogue in the [illegible] to the Mad Thinker. Primus [illegible] like a human being; I don't think that he's [illegible] better computer.

Psionex — Asylum (Henrique Maxwell [illegible]), Courtney (James Sharp), Pretty Persuasions (Heidi P. [illegible]). [illegible] attempts at reforming before, and see themselves as villains. Asylum has [illegible] controlling [illegible] and those of any other known [illegible] from [illegible] alcohol exposure all his life; Courtney can control the bodily functions of others; Pretty Persuasions is an exotic dancer who can [illegible] sexually [illegible] weapon such as her [illegible].

[illegible] A scientist [illegible] into a being [illegible] unlike the Sandman, [illegible] usually [illegible] that would [illegible].

Radioactive Man ([illegible] Lu): A [illegible] all the way [illegible] Master [illegible]. His variable mental state has been [illegible] on his [illegible]. He can be trusted while he's [illegible], but if he does [illegible] control, we might not find out until [illegible].

Red Room [illegible] in order to [illegible] for [illegible] to meet their [illegible] and to [illegible] the [illegible] armor has [illegible] and [illegible]. This model is based on innov[illegible] made by Stark [illegible]. Unlike the earl[illegible] not require a pilot on board and can [illegible]. Armed with a [illegible] of [illegible] even the Sentinel [illegible].

The Serpent Society — [illegible] Cobra (Klaus [illegible]), Diamond Asher (real identity unknown), Hotshot (Quincy [illegible]), & Rattler (Connor [illegible]): Four of the infamous [illegible] signed on with the Thunderbolts [illegible] the [illegible] Death Adder. After [illegible] of taking [illegible] four will likely become restless [illegible] of [illegible].

[illegible] He was [illegible] killed and raised [illegible] one of their undead agents in an [illegible] on the [illegible] Helicarrier, but [illegible] has [illegible] returned him [illegible] normal. He [illegible] second chance [illegible], but somehow I doubt [illegible].

[illegible] Atlas' [illegible] brother, [illegible] also [illegible] determined. Atlas [illegible] to be [illegible] only thing [illegible], him [illegible] the Thunderbolts.

[illegible] Crimson Dynamo [illegible] duties of the [illegible] Zemo, [illegible] has come [illegible] Hawkeye [illegible] hopeful that [illegible] capable [illegible], but she doesn't [illegible] inspire the [illegible] as naturally as Zemo does.

Swordsman (Andreas von Strucker): Andreas [illegible] energy blasts [illegible] hands with his [illegible] Andrea; with her [illegible], he has bound [illegible] hilt with her skin to [illegible]. Andreas may [illegible] redeem himself and embrace [illegible] identity, [illegible] many [illegible] I wonder if [illegible] who [illegible] is [illegible].

Tatterdemalion [illegible] A one-time dancer fallen [illegible] vagrancy, Tatterdemalion [illegible] gloves [illegible] decay matter, and a scarf that [illegible] slash [illegible].

[illegible] Twister (Drew [illegible]): An unfortunate case; [illegible] been one [illegible] of the staunchest [illegible] of the southwest with his superhuman [illegible]. Unfortunately, [illegible] seven [illegible] buildings later, [illegible] up facing a lengthy jail term, with [illegible] in the Thunderbolts [illegible] way to keep [illegible] name clean. I hope that Daniels keeps his head while serving [illegible], but they have a history of converting outsiders to their way of thinking.

The U-Foes — [illegible] (Michael [illegible]), Vapor (Ann [illegible]), Vector (Simon [illegible]), & Ruy (James [illegible]). A foursome [illegible] set [illegible] to [illegible] flight of the [illegible] Four, and [illegible] their [illegible] of [illegible] abilities.

Unicorn (real identity unknown): He takes after the original Unicorn, Milos Masaryk, but his [illegible] literal third [illegible] from [illegible] forehead. The eye can channel energy [illegible] comparable to [illegible] Masaryk's. [illegible] could [illegible]. His [illegible] state [illegible] subject to serious [illegible], but Zemo [illegible] him under his thumb.

[illegible] (Edward [illegible]): Transformed into a cannibalistic man-rodent by Zemo and Primus, I'm surprised Vermin has chosen to ally [illegible] with [illegible].

Whirlwind (David Cannon): [illegible] suffered from a nasty spinal cord injury that was supposed to be [illegible], but [illegible] like [illegible] tampering from the Fixer.

WOLVERINE

[redacted] a.k.a. [redacted] that [redacted] him to kill, and [redacted] of [redacted] DNA confirms this [redacted] a century ago, Wolverine (as [redacted] shall [redacted] to [redacted] tying his various identities to select [redacted] of his [redacted] a tenuous process at best) was a decorated combat soldier in both World War I and World War II; during the latter conflict, he was equally active both as a free-lance adventurer and [redacted] agent on behalf of various interests. Post-war, he was a [redacted] little is known of his commissions and clientele of that time, but it is [redacted] the least doubtful that [redacted] improvement [redacted] rose to conventional standards or [redacted]. However, even he grew [redacted] of violence [redacted] a few years, and in [redacted], he sought to [redacted] his [redacted] through study and meditation, but [redacted] efforts, [redacted] were [redacted]. His [redacted] activities are [redacted] verification [redacted] to his 1960s service in the multinational [redacted] force called Team X. This unit was a [redacted] of the [redacted] Weapon X Program, itself [redacted] from the Weapon Plus Programs [redacted] back to World War II. Wolverine seems to have known [redacted] and cared less about Team X's origins in those days; it would be several years [redacted] before they [redacted] far greater importance.

After leaving Team X, Wolverine [redacted] yardbird from [redacted] and [redacted] has placed him in the Vietnam War as a [redacted] soldier, a Soviet torturer, and [redacted]. [redacted] returned to his homeland as an agent of [redacted] Department K, a secret [redacted] that [redacted] connections to Weapon X [redacted] confirmed but hopelessly [redacted]. Little data can be found on this tenure, which [redacted] a [redacted] [redacted] John and [redacted] U.S. [redacted] Carol Danvers against [redacted] lifelong nemesis Sabretooth (Danvers, now Ms. Marvel [redacted] a close friend of Wolverine, [redacted] to discuss [redacted] this [redacted]). Wolverine spiraled [redacted] [redacted] until Department K terminated his [redacted], and [redacted] [redacted] he was abducted by Weapon X scientists [redacted] the [redacted] of [redacted] government [redacted]. [redacted] [redacted] into a murderous [redacted], robbing him of many [redacted] but giving him in return an [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted]. Following his escape, Wolverine's quest [redacted] proved equally [redacted] and [redacted] to [redacted] an operative of the [redacted] Department H, who [redacted] opposed him to [redacted] for [redacted] modern [redacted] [redacted], Alpha Flight.

For [redacted] he rarely discusses, Wolverine left Department H prior to Alpha Flight's [redacted] debut to join Professor Charles Xavier's X-Men and, [redacted], the [redacted] [redacted] to [redacted] community of New York. His [redacted] bitterness and [redacted] set him [redacted] the new [redacted] [redacted] to accommodate [redacted] in the X-Men's [redacted] and [redacted] the world, becoming [redacted] with a [redacted] Xavier and his [redacted], although he and his [redacted] sometimes [redacted] branded outlaws or terrorists by overzealous [redacted] of [redacted] police, continued the X-Men's tradition of general [redacted] with the Avengers and the Fantastic [redacted]. Wolverine also has few [redacted] ties [redacted] the [redacted] [redacted]. Of his most X-Men, he also [redacted] embarked [redacted] missions, occasionally in the service of a [redacted] friend, Nick Fury of S.H.I.E.L.D. Despite [redacted] commitment to the X-Men's standards, Wolverine shows less [redacted] for human life when on his own, and the body counts accompanying some of his adventures cannot be [redacted].

In [redacted] Wolverine reached [redacted] his lowest and highest [redacted] in the nation's eyes. When brainwashed by Hydra and [redacted], he savagely fought [redacted] hero [redacted] and [redacted] forces alike, [redacted] S.H.I.E.L.D. broke his programming to proved [redacted] devastation in its [redacted]. Soon afterward, his [redacted] in the Savage [redacted] led to an encounter with my recently [redacted] Avengers team, and, [redacted] America's reservations, I offered Wolverine membership. Although I was not [redacted] by the man's history and tendencies, I [redacted], as I do now, that his experience and perspective are essential to the team's ability to function in the current [redacted] [redacted], [redacted] in him has already been tested [redacted] [redacted] "House of M" [redacted]. Wolverine [redacted] his stolen memories and set out to [redacted] other things, confront [redacted] among the many who have [redacted] him and the [redacted] wronged by [redacted].

While Wolverine [redacted] abundant skepticism about [redacted] registration (not surprising, [redacted] how he and his [redacted] have been mistreated by [redacted] administrations), he has not openly [redacted] to date. However, [redacted] his patience for larger [redacted] has gone on a [redacted] search for Nitro, the [redacted] mutant responsible for the Stamford deaths. Meanwhile, Xavier's capture is, of course, a [redacted] concern. I owe Wolverine's [redacted] to [redacted] both [redacted] and that of his [redacted] in the X-Men [redacted] be a [redacted] in the larger [redacted].

X-FACTOR INVESTIGATIONS

The X-[illegible] was originally [illegible] by Charles Xavier's [illegible] student group, which [illegible] set up a [illegible] mutant hunting agency, tricking bigots into [illegible] to young mutants in danger of [illegible]. After [illegible] returned to the X-Men Valerie Cooper appropriated the [illegible] for her [illegible] government-sponsored team, several of whom (Jamie Madrox, Guido Carosella and Rahne Sinclair) are now involved with this new [illegible]. Based out of what was, until recently, New York's Mutant Town, X-Factor [illegible] it [illegible] a [illegible] agency. In the wake of [illegible], they've also become unofficial [illegible] of the [illegible]. Though the group [illegible] to [illegible] by S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Madrox (one of Jamie's duplicates), they've [illegible] vocal opposition to [illegible] and [illegible], stating they would aid [illegible] trying to avoid capture, an almost criminal [illegible] to take.

[illegible] of comics.

Madrox, a.k.a. the Multiple Man, can generate instant [illegible] of himself when struck. [illegible] been [illegible] to make up to [illegible] at a time, but the [illegible] limit is undetermined. [illegible] his [illegible] infancy, he was raised in isolation, only [illegible] into the world in his early [illegible], eventually ending up on Scotland's Muir Island Mutant Research Facility. While there one of his duplicates was possessed and killed by the [illegible] Proteus. I'm told this was incredibly traumatic, and [illegible] with another duplicate went [illegible] desiring a separate existence and ending in a [illegible] Nasty [illegible]. The main Madrox underwent a renegade [illegible] shortly after being recruited into the [illegible] X-Factor, not long before another part on him died from the [illegible] Virus. After a brief [illegible] stint as a [illegible] and with the paranormally X-Cutioner (a worrying [illegible]), Madrox founded his detective agency which has evolved into the new [illegible]. He's also sent out what he's termed "[illegible]" bodies, seeking to gain multiple life experiences as [illegible] as possible to make up for his years of seclusion. Whether a result of his [illegible] desires, or of [illegible] separation, or [illegible] natural [illegible] of his abilities, his duplicates now show [illegible] individuality. Unlike his counterparts, the aforementioned S.H.I.E.L.D. agent [illegible] another seemingly pushed a [illegible] roof.

Raised by a [illegible] zealot, Scot Rahne Sinclair narrowly avoided being [illegible] by a mob when her [illegible] werewolf [illegible] emerged. Saved and adopted by geneticist Moira MacTaggert, Rahne joined [illegible] New Mutants as [illegible]. After [illegible] them for some time, she was brainwashed by the [illegible] Genoshan [illegible]. Though freed, lingering [illegible] remained when Val [illegible] recruited her; Rahne's human [illegible] was conditioned to be [illegible] of her [illegible] lost control on several occasions. Seemingly cured by [illegible] healer Haven, Rahne joined [illegible] Excalibur to be near [illegible], who had contracted the deadly [illegible] Virus. MacTaggert was [illegible] murdered and Rahne [illegible] by Mystique, [illegible] temporarily regained her powers while working as a teacher at Xavier's school. After a scandal involving a [illegible] student, she left to join X-Factor. I remain unconvinced about her mental health following her Genoshan ordeal.

Theresa Rourke Cassidy is the [illegible] of [illegible] deceased [illegible] Interpol agent and X-Men Banshee, inheriting his sonic powers. With her father unaware of her existence until [illegible], she was raised by his criminal [illegible] "Black Tom" Cassidy, before Theresa left for his [illegible] empire. Though [illegible] on the side of the angels, she's been part of Cable's X-Force, close friends with [illegible], a recovering alcoholic and is a [illegible] most vocal critic of Registration — each of which are causes for concern.

From a family of [illegible] Puerto Rican mutant Julio Esteban Richter, a.k.a. Rictor, was one of the original X-Factor [illegible] charges, before going [illegible] in Canada's Weapon PRIME, Cable's [illegible] and X-Corporation. Decimation [illegible] him of his [illegible] powers with a criminal [illegible] record and an association with [illegible], how far [illegible] he [illegible] to [illegible] to cause earthquakes?

Guido Carosella, a.k.a. Strong Guy, [illegible] human energy which [illegible] up his [illegible] and grants superhuman strength. [illegible] gap [illegible] Lila [illegible] accompanied a strong [illegible] with Madrox and Sinclair after joining Val's [illegible] Arena nearly dying from a brain condition [illegible]. I can [illegible] with he [illegible] pal of Masado Koga's [illegible] mutant [illegible] Madrox in Mutant Town. In [illegible] of the Arena [illegible] he's one of the less worrying members of the group.

Monégasque Monet St. [illegible], a.k.a. M is another of Xavier's [illegible] most out of his [illegible] student class. Possessing [illegible] [illegible], flight and [illegible] she's probably the most [illegible] Madrox's X-Factor, [illegible] the most stable. She seems the least bothered by [illegible] and appears to be going along with the majority rather than truly agreeing with their [illegible].

As yet, and [illegible] confirmation that a [illegible] Madroxes (Madroi?) assisted a [illegible] evader [illegible] Cape Killer units, [illegible] remain just on the [illegible] side of the law. I fear however that this will soon change.

X-MEN

Mutants in general, and the X-Men in particular, have had a long and complicated relationship with the United States government. For the X-Men, it has focused on a particular event. Approximately 10 years ago, amid increasing anti-mutant sentiment across America, Professor Charles Xavier worked with F.B.I. Agent Fred Duncan to recruit young mutants for his Institute for Higher Learning in Westchester, New York, which he created as a safe haven for those born with the potential for superhuman powers in their genes. Among the initial recruits were Cyclops, Iceman, Beast, Angel and Jean Grey. These five students were trained to use their mutant powers for the betterment of mankind during a time when mankind hated and feared them. The team made their public debut when the mutant terrorist Magneto (alias Erik Lehnsherr) seized Florida's Cape Citadel missile base. Posing as benevolent protectors, the fledgling X-Men, assisted by Professor Xavier, Magneto and many other mutants, became heroes in the eyes of the U.S. military.

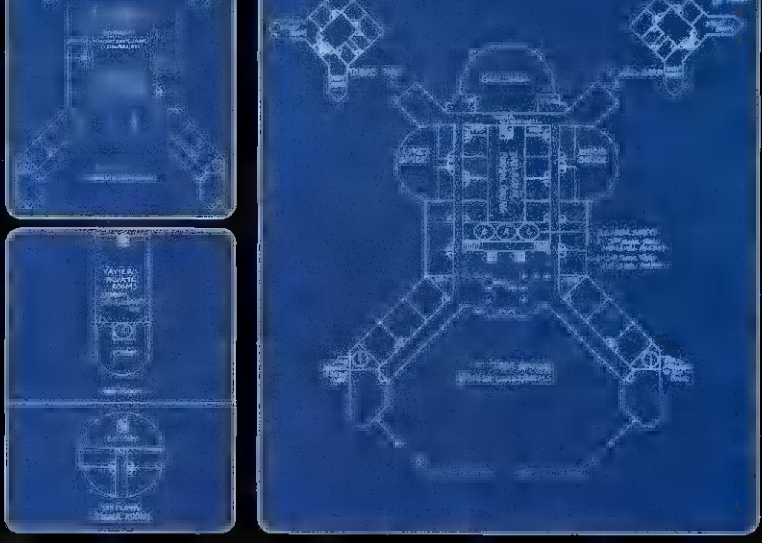
But this good relationship with the government was not to last. For all of the good work the X-Men did, the reputation of mutants was constantly tarnished by mutant criminals and terrorists who used their awesome powers to dominate and harm others. Attacks such as the mutant uprising at Genosha continued to new depths — many didn't bother to make the distinction between "good mutants" and "bad mutants." And where public opinion goes, politicians follow. Soon the government had established the Mutant Registration Act, which required all mutants to register with the government. Those who refused would be hunted down by a fleet of Sentinels, giant robots specifically designed to find mutants in the name of preserving human culture from the threat of a mutant-dominated society. When the X-Men attacked the New York chapter of the Hellfire Club (which the public believed was a social club for gentlemen's elite, unaware that it had been taken over by an anti-mutant cabal with significant political connections), it was the final straw. Senator Robert Kelly of Massachusetts, who was already on an anti-mutant platform, immediately set out to implement several measures to control mutant activity, such as Project: Wideawake, a covert operation tasked with creating a new series of Sentinel robots. When the shape-shifting mutant terrorist Mystique (alias Raven Darkholme) and her Brotherhood of Evil Mutants attempted to assassinate Kelly, the X-Men saved his life, which only strengthened Kelly's anti-mutant resolve. Kelly then introduced the Mutant Affairs Control Act (which many view as a precursor to the current Superhuman Registration Act) to the Senate, which would have required mutants to disclose their identities and abilities to the government, but the Act was narrowly rejected by Congress. And Kelly wasn't even the worst of the anti-mutant crowd — even more fervent activists, such as friends of

Humanity and [illegible] Foundation, the same [illegible] Mystique and Destiny's adoptive child Creed made Senator Kelly look like a bleeding-heart liberal.

Nonetheless, the X-Men remained dedicated to Xavier's dream of a peaceful coexistence between humans and mutants and persevered in the face of opposition, adding many new members to the roster and even branching into multiple teams over the years. Even after learning of the [illegible] that their leader was [illegible] of mutant extermination camps and armies of Sentinels patrolling the streets, the X-Men didn't give up on Xavier's dream, a decision [illegible] when [illegible] began [illegible] anti-mutant taskforce dubbed "Operation: Zero Tolerance." As the [illegible] public's fear of mutants climaxed in near-hysterical levels, Bastion joined forces with Graydon Creed, whose swelling popularity prompted him to consider [illegible] U.S. Presidential campaign platform. But on the day of his election, Creed was assassinated when Sinister's mother, Mystique, gunned him down with a plasma beam. Meanwhile, Senator Kelly, who slowly began to [illegible] agreeing with many of Xavier's policies, discovered that [illegible] conversion was [illegible] cybernetic Prime Sentinels of unprecedented power, and convinced the U.S. President to mobilize [illegible] to shut down the entire Zero Tolerance policy. Kelly finally reversed his stance and spoke in favor of [illegible] between humans and mutants after [illegible] (St. John Allerdyce), a former mutant terrorist and [illegible] national, sacrificed his own life to prevent Kelly's assassination at the hands of Mystique's lover, as we all know. Kelly was subsequently assassinated by anti-mutant activist Alan Lewis, who perceived Kelly as a traitor to humanity.

Today's world is a very different place for the X-Men. At one point, the booming mutant population was expected to overtake humanity, finally ending the battle within decades. But now, after the events of M-Day, most of the world's mutant population find themselves without powers. This has hit the X-Men particularly hard, as many of their own members — including Xavier, their founder — were counted as the nation's mutants. With only a few hundred mutants estimated to have survived M-Day with their powers intact, the Office of National Emergency deployed a fleet of Sentinels (retrofitted into flight suits of armor) to oversee the containment of the mutant population, many of whom seek sanctuary on the grounds of the Westchester Institute for Higher Learning.

Shortly after the current Registration Act went into effect, I met with Emma Frost, the current Headmistress of the Institute, a woman with whom I have had with in the past, in an attempt to convince the X-Men to assist in the apprehension of the [illegible] heroes. She informed me that doing so would violate the trust in which the X-Men believed, but assured me that the X-Men would not join forces with the rogue faction of America at large as they were left alone. Fortunately, not all X-Men are so [illegible] — Bishop, [illegible] from an alternate future timeline, realizes that having mutants serving the nation demonstrates to the world that mutants are not a menace to society and has offered his services. Hopefully the remainder of the X-Men will follow Bishop's lead.



YELLOWJACKET

SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT
REAL NAME: HENRY "HANK" PYM
CODE NAME: YELLOWJACKET
SEX: M
EYES: BLUE
HEIGHT: 6'
WEIGHT: 185 LBS.
ABILITIES: ABLE TO INCREASE SIZE TO 100 FEET. STRENGTH PROPORTIONATE TO SIZE (CLASS 50 AT 100 FEET).
EQUIPMENT: VARIOUS SCIENTIFIC INVENTIONS.
ENHANCED HUMAN
S.H.I.E.L.D. DIRECTORATE

With the ability to reduce himself to microscopic size in height or grow to approximately 100 feet in by means of his sub-atomic Pym Particles, Hank Pym has always been a man unable to be content with anything larger than elevator doors. In pre-World New York, Pym married his research assistant and mentor Dr. Vanessa Maria Pym. The Pyms moved to Hungary, but Maria, a political dissident, was murdered by the Hungarian secret police. A grief-stricken Hank returned to the United States and dedicated his career battling injustice and inhumanity, eventually discovering the Pym Particles that are the source of his extraordinary powers.

Although it was I who spearheaded the creation of what humorously dubbed the Avengers, it was Hank who first suggested that the random assembling of heroes who first assembled to battle the Asgardian god Loki stay together as an official superteam. Again, I attribute this to the feeling of inadequacy as an individual that have plagued Hank nearly his entire adult life. When the original Avengers were created to my insistence to sign the team's original charter, Hank was worried that the team was going to be officially sanctioned as a police/military force by the National Security Council, but I could tell from his body language that he felt uncomfortable when looking across the table at boundless powerhouses such as Thor and the Hulk.

Hank compensated for his self-worth issues by spending hours in the lab, constantly trying to carry his weight with his scientific contributions to the team. His research expanded into other fields as well, such as robotics and artificial intelligence. But he continually questioned himself as an investigator, inventor and other more commonly lofty terms for to supposedly intelligent human adult. As Hank dealt with bouts of tension and depression due to his belief that he would never measure up to the accomplishments of Pym Particles, he would take frequent leaves of absence from the Avengers to pursue his preferred career as a research scientist. But Hank's time at home with his second wife, fellow Avenger Wasp (Janet Van Dyne), was also troubled by the fact that Janet, a socialite/humanitarian/adventurer, was the more famous of the two. This led to verbal abuse that slowly alienated Hank from the rest of us. Hank also faced an Avengers court-martial initiated by Captain America as a result of [illegible] Ultron in a fight [illegible]. To avoid the court martial, Hank programmed the robot Vision to attack the Avengers (feigning to use his knowledge of the robot's weakness to rescue the Avengers and [illegible] their good graces); but when Hank's plan went awry, it was Janet who saved the Avengers from Hank's creation. Following [illegible] of Hank's nervous breakdowns, Janet struck Hank, prompting his immediate expulsion from the Avengers and ending their marriage.

Now [illegible] Hank was blackmailed by the super-villain Egghead into stealing [illegible] from the government. He was apprehended on the premises on charges of treason, although later acquitted of those charges when several witnesses testified as to Egghead's manipulation of Hank at trial. During this time, I spoke out on Hank and I promised him with the best legal team money could buy. Since then, Hank has worked hard to earn back our trust, both as a member of the Avengers' civilian support staff and as a costumed super hero. For the most part, he succeeded in doing that. My faith in confidence in Hank is so great now Reed Richards and I have invited him to join our [illegible] task force where we have been working on [illegible] and scientific breakthroughs such as several new advances in cloning technology which we've [illegible] named in honor.

Today, Hank is considered as one of the world's foremost biochemists and also possesses considerable expertise in subatomic physics and robotics. As Yellowjacket, Hank is also a force to be reckoned with on the battlefield. He is a very valuable ally in our battles, but the trick is to keep his self-esteem and sense of self-worth high. Although he thinks very highly of his home America, I think it was his longing to be part of something larger than himself that prompted him to register with S.H.I.E.L.D. and help us usher in a new era of superhuman governmental relations.

ADDENDUM: Hank's been working the last few months on a new version of the Iron Man armor for S.H.I.E.L.D. to use in clandestine operations behind enemy lines. As well as the standard [illegible] and [illegible] communication helmet, Hank also equipped this version with a jetpack and robotic arms controlled by the ones I wear. Pym Particles power the [illegible] propulsion allowing the wearer to achieve [illegible] flight. The flame exiting the arm tips can also be focused for offensive use. Hank was assaulted and the armor stolen around the same time the Hydra/Advanced Idea Mechanics team [illegible] into S.H.I.E.L.D. [illegible], so they were too preoccupied to [illegible] launch a full investigation into the theft; Brad Hyde's mass assassin [illegible] Mr. Hawk from [illegible] when he [illegible] to the [illegible]. Since then this new [illegible] has been [illegible] a few times [illegible] to incorporate [illegible] figure out how the armor works.

YOUNG AVENGERS

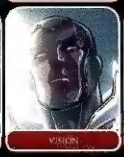
HAWKEYE

HULKLING

PATRIOT

SPEED

STATURE


VISION

WICCAN

There was a time when I thought Captain America saw eye to eye with me on the issue of minors engaging in super hero activity. The last time I can remember us agreeing on it was when we took down the would-be teen super heroes calling themselves the Young Avengers. Comprised mostly of teenagers with one connection or another to the Avengers, this group is everything I don't want to see happen again, despite their good intentions. They're untrained loose cannons, and nowhere near ready to be doing the things they do.

It was only a few minutes after we first confronted them that Cap and I learned that one of their members, Iron Lad, was a younger version of our enemy Kang the Conqueror. Of course, that meant Kang himself would show up sooner or later, and of course, he did. We nearly lost that one, but the kids came through, mostly by fluke. Every time we tried to disband them afterwards, they just kept popping back up, and almost instigated another Kree-Skrull War before we intervened.

Unfortunately, Cap has most recently seen fit to utilize these adolescents in his misguided crusade against us. After weeks of trying to put the Young Avengers out of commission, he abducts them from S.H.I.E.L.D. protection and then sticks them out there on the front lines. What the hell is wrong with him? After what happened to Bucky, this is the last thing I would expect him to do. He just isn't the man I thought I knew.

Every time I encounter these kids, they have added new members to their roster. As it stands, the current group appears to consist of the following:

Patriot (Elijah "Eli" Bradley) — The leader of the team. Bradley has a lot of history, some I hope to be able to use to our advantage. His grandfather is Isaiah Bradley, whom Eli will let everyone who'll listen know was Captain America before Captain America. He idolizes the old man. I wish Isaiah still had his mental capacities, because he would be the key to talking Eli out of this. I'm not sure about the current status of Eli's relationship with his uncle Josiah, but with Rhodey having allied with Josiah in the past, perhaps we can get him to talk some sense into his nephew.

Hawkeye (Kate Bishop) — The only non-powered member of the group, but an excellent marksman. She appropriated the name, but I'm still not comfortable with it. I already saw one Hawkeye die, and I don't want to see another do so.

Hulkling (Dorrek VIII / Teddy Altman) — A Kree/Skrull hybrid, and son of one of our greatest allies, the late Captain Marvell, this is a being that could unite half the universe, but instead runs around town trying to fight battles he's not ready for.

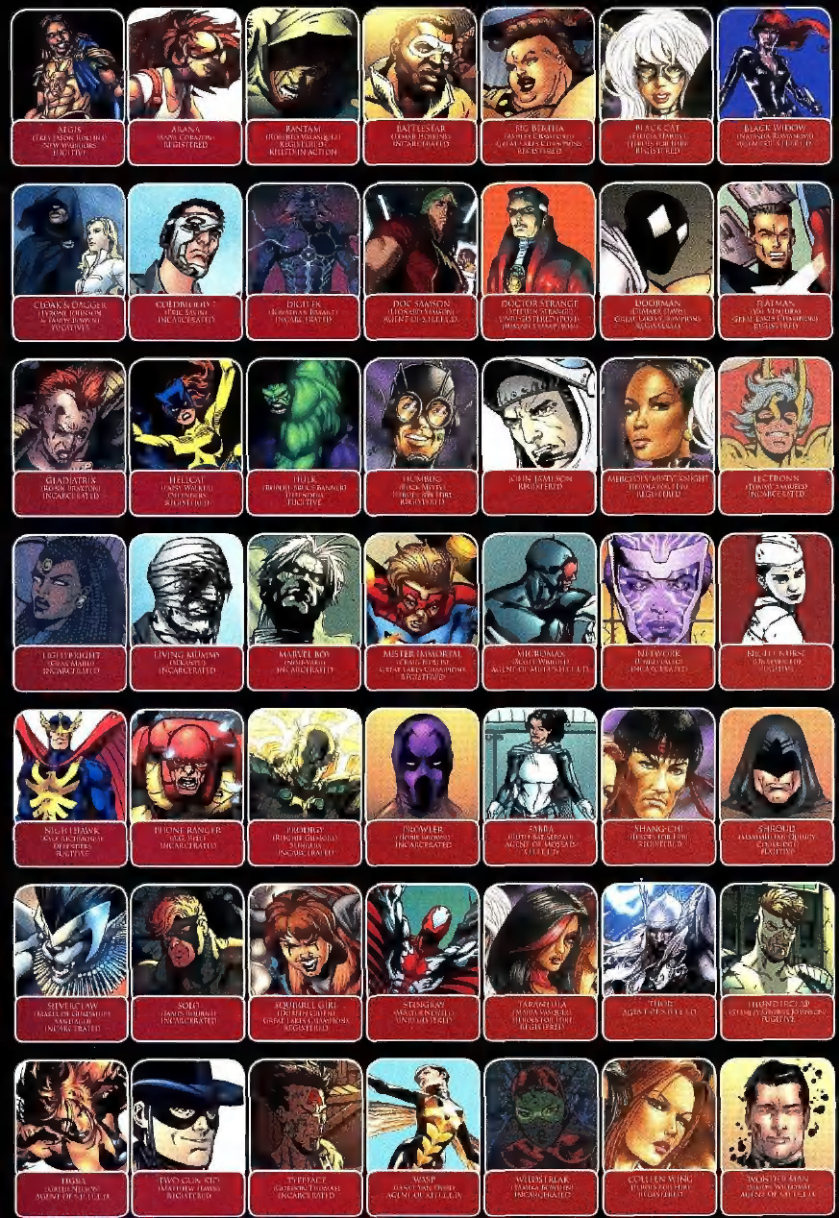
Stature (Cassandra "Cassie" Lang) — The daughter of our late teammate Ant-Man (Scott Lang), it was, I suppose, an eventuality that she would one day enter the world of superheroes. I was prepared for it, but it's just too soon. She's too young, and I feel it's my duty as Scott's friend to get her out of this chaos. She has virtually no experience with her size-changing powers, and it's going to get her or someone else hurt.

Wiccan (Billy Kaplan) and Speed (Thomas Shepherd) — I don't know what to make of these apparent twin brothers. A spellcaster and a speedster, respectively, the Super-Skrull was convinced that these were the children of Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch, whose souls were cast off, somehow through time, during Mephisto's manipulations of her. If these truly are her children, then everything we've gone through in the last few months, the hells that we've seen, were for nothing. But I can't think about that right now, we have more pressing matters to attend to. Of all the members, Shepard is the most dangerous. He already accidentally blew up his school and intentionally took down part of the U.N. Building in New York. He's another Stamford waiting to happen.

Vision — An amalgamation of the armor and brain patterns of Iron Lad (who I originally thought may be the same alternate universe version of me who briefly served as my replacement) with the original Vision's programming mixed in, he's possibly the most dangerous of the lot. Somewhere in there, he has Ultron's programming, Kang's brain, and entirely too much classified Avengers data. When we have to take him down, I can only assure myself that the original Vision, the real Vision, is long gone.

Most recently, S.H.I.E.L.D. has spotted them in Los Angeles, almost certainly getting involved in something they shouldn't.

CIVIL WAR FILES APPENDIX



THE ROAD TO CIVIL WAR CHECKLIST

FEBRUARY
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #529

MARCH
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #530
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #536
- ☐ NEW AVENGERS: ILLUMINATI SPECIAL

APRIL
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #531
- ☐ CIVIL WAR OPENING SHOT SKETCHBOOK
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #537

MAY
- ☐ **CIVIL WAR #1**
- ☐ MARVEL SPOTLIGHT: MILLAR/MCNIVEN
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #532
- ☐ SHE-HULK #8
- ☐ WOLVERINE #42

JUNE
- ☐ **CIVIL WAR #2**
- ☐ CIVIL WAR FRONT LINE #1
- ☐ CIVIL WAR FRONT LINE #2
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #533
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #538
- ☐ NEW AVENGERS #21
- ☐ THUNDERBOLTS #103
- ☐ WOLVERINE #43
- ☐ X-FACTOR #8

JULY
- ☐ **CIVIL WAR #3**
- ☐ CIVIL WAR FRONT LINE #3
- ☐ CIVIL WAR FRONT LINE #4
- ☐ CIVIL WAR: X-MEN #1
- ☐ CIVIL WAR: YOUNG AVENGERS & RUNAWAYS #1
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #534
- ☐ BLACK PANTHER #18
- ☐ CABLE & DEADPOOL #30
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #539
- ☐ NEW AVENGERS #22
- ☐ THUNDERBOLTS #104
- ☐ WOLVERINE #44
- ☐ X-FACTOR #9

AUGUST
- ☐ CIVIL WAR FRONT LINE #5
- ☐ CIVIL WAR: X-MEN #2
- ☐ CIVIL WAR: YOUNG AVENGERS & RUNAWAYS #2
- ☐ CABLE & DEADPOOL #31
- ☐ HEROES FOR HIRE #1
- ☐ MS. MARVEL #6
- ☐ NEW AVENGERS #23
- ☐ THUNDERBOLTS #105
- ☐ WOLVERINE #45

SEPTEMBER
- ☐ **CIVIL WAR #4**
- ☐ CIVIL WAR FILES
- ☐ CIVIL WAR FRONT LINE #6
- ☐ CIVIL WAR: X-MEN #3
- ☐ CIVIL WAR: YOUNG AVENGERS & RUNAWAYS #3

SEPTEMBER (CONTINUED)
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #535
- ☐ CABLE & DEADPOOL #32
- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #22
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #540
- ☐ HEROES FOR HIRE #2
- ☐ MS. MARVEL #7
- ☐ NEW AVENGERS #24
- ☐ WOLVERINE #46

OCTOBER
- ☐ CIVIL WAR: CHOOSING SIDES (One-Shot)
- ☐ CIVIL WAR FRONT LINE #7
- ☐ CIVIL WAR: X-MEN #4
- ☐ CIVIL WAR: YOUNG AVENGERS & RUNAWAYS #4
- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #23
- ☐ HEROES FOR HIRE #3
- ☐ IRON MAN #13
- ☐ MS. MARVEL #8
- ☐ NEW AVENGERS #25
- ☐ WOLVERINE #47

NOVEMBER
- ☐ **CIVIL WAR #5**
- ☐ CIVIL WAR FRONT LINE #8
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #536
- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #24
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #541
- ☐ IRON MAN #14
- ☐ MOON KNIGHT #7 (Casualties of War)
- ☐ PUNISHER: WAR JOURNAL #1
- ☐ WOLVERINE #48

DECEMBER
- ☐ **CIVIL WAR #6**
- ☐ CIVIL WAR FRONT LINE #9
- ☐ BLACK PANTHER #23
- ☐ CIVIL WAR: WAR CRIMES (One-Shot)
- ☐ IRON MAN/CAPTAIN AMERICA SPECIAL (Casualties of War)
- ☐ MOON KNIGHT #8 (Casualties of War)
- ☐ PUNISHER: WAR JOURNAL #2
- ☐ WINTER SOLDIER: WINTER KILLS (Casualties of War)

JANUARY 2007
- ☐ **CIVIL WAR #7**
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #537
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #538
- ☐ BLACK PANTHER #24
- ☐ BLADE #5 (Casualties of War)
- ☐ CIVIL WAR FRONT LINE #10
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #542
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #543
- ☐ MOON KNIGHT #9 (Casualties of War)
- ☐ PUNISHER: WAR JOURNAL #3

FEBRUARY 2007
- ☐ CIVIL WAR FRONT LINE #11
- ☐ CIVIL WAR: BATTLE DAMAGE REPORT
- ☐ BLACK PANTHER #25

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